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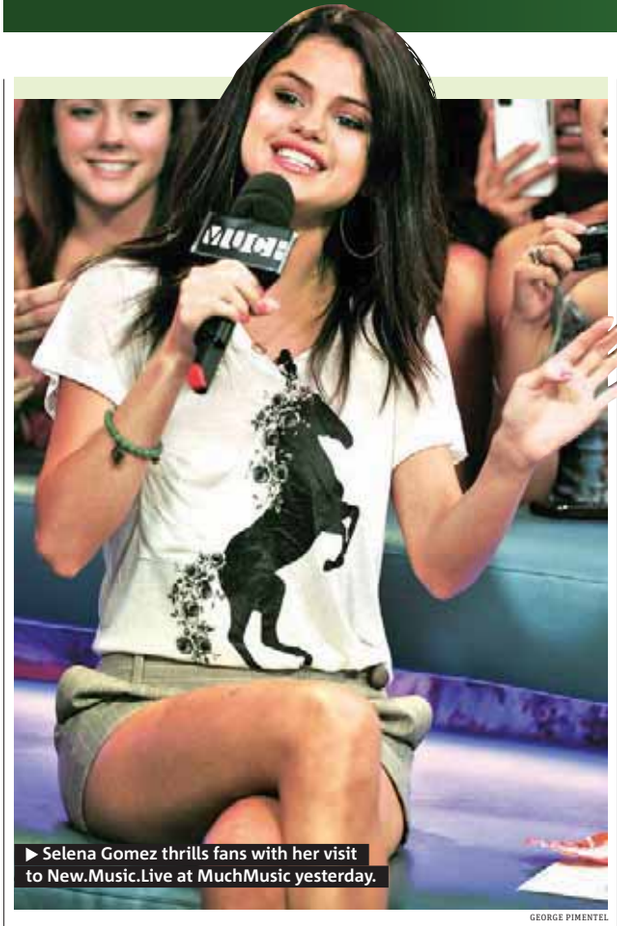

▶ Selena Gomez thrills fans with her visit to New.Music.Live at MuchMusic yesterday.

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Selena Gomez in Toronto

Justin Bieber's singer-actress girlfriend, Selena Gomez, has a massive hit on her hands with her new album A Year Without Rain. The 19-year-old pop sensation performed for a sold-out crowd at the Molson Amphitheatre last night.

The better way? StatsCan says no

Commuting by car across the GTA can be a nightmare, but public transit isn't a better option, according to recent survey

Toronto retains its title as the worst region for commuting in the country, according to a Statistics Canada survey released yesterday.

But public transit isn't a better option — in fact it's much worse. It takes, on average, 29 minutes to commute to work by car in the GTA, but 49 minutes by public transit.

The study — based on 2010 data from the general social survey on time use — shows that the average one-way trek to work takes 33 minutes in the GTA. Travel times include all modes of transportation: car, public transit and "active transportation" such as walking or cycling.

The GTA commute is getting worse. A roundtrip to and from work now takes 81 minutes, which is one minute longer per day than it did in 2006. Yet Canadians seem fine with that: 85 per cent said they were satisfied with their travel time to work.

In late March, the Toronto Board of Trade warned the current gridlock crisis will only worsen, which is hard to fathom, since the GTA already ranks dead last in its ranking of 21 North American cities for average commute time. The board used data gathered in the 2006 census.

The board reported the 80-minute roundtrip commute costs the GTA $6 billion a year. The commute time included drivers, transit users, cyclists and walkers. Montreal, and its crumbling roads and bridges, ranked next at 76 minutes. Los Angeles, often assumed to be the epicentre of driving hell, has a more modest commute of 55.9 minutes.

And the board predicts a "carmageddon" in 20 years when another one million cars will be on GTA roads, which will raise the average commute to nearly two hours. It doesn't help that most Torontonians ride to work in four wheels: more than 70 per cent of commuters drove to their job in 2006, the most recent data available.

New York City is North America's gold standard with 40.3 per cent avoiding the car on their commute.

That's nothing compared to other cities around the world such as Hong Kong, where nine out of 10 workers walk, bike or use transit. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Reader tweets

Here's what Metro readers had to say about the commutes.

- **@malchew:** Toronto has the longest work commute in Canada. Mine is longer than average, even on the #TTC. Sigh.
- **@davidc83:** NextBus/Train/Streetcar Apps would go far in helping curb that myth! Let's get on it, @HSRTransit & @GetontheGO
- **@revnoah:** Mainly because transit is slow and inconvenient. Bike/walking FTW

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Fan Expo. Convention

▶ After arriving in Toronto a day early for Fan Expo Canada, a legion of Stormtroopers kills free time by offering car washes to the public yesterday at One-a-Minit Car Wash.

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Take a walk on the Dark Side

Robert Englund, a.k.a. Freddy Krueger, and Lance Henriksen, a.k.a. Bishop in the Aliens series, will be on hand to kick off Fan Expo Canada. The two stars will participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony today, which will open the doors to four jam-packed days of Canada's largest combined gaming, horror, comic, science fiction and anime event.

City's murder rate plunging

Youth programs have been successful in steering people away from gangs: Councillor

Toronto police don't want to talk about this, even though the numbers reflect positively on them.

Homicides are down, and down substantially.

This no longer seems a city living in fear as it was in 2005 when a gang war spilled out into the streets in the "summer of the gun."

With the latest murder on Tuesday, "only" 32 murders had been committed this year, compared to 38 at this time last year.

With only four months to go in 2011, Toronto is on pace to record its lowest homicide total since 1999 when there were 47 slayings.

After rising through the early part of the decade and peaking at 86 murders in 2007, homicide rates have fallen for three straight years and may fall again by the end of the year.

In 2008, there were 70 murders, and 63 in 2009.

Theory

▶ Homicides are down across most of North America, and at least one of the theories put forth by sociologists is that society is aging and old people don't commit as many murders as young people.

Last year, there were 61 homicides in Toronto.

Privately, homicide detectives don't want to discuss this out of fear that as soon as those statistics are published, a murderous spree will take place, skewing the numbers.

"We're not going to discuss this," Const. Wendy Drummond said, adding the year is not over.

When asked why, she said: "It's not our style."

A police source said that homicide detectives don't like to crow about statistics because when it comes to murder, there is no definable pattern.

"Next year we could have 80," the source said.

The source credits TAVIS (Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy) and the Guns and Gangs task force with taking gang leaders and guns off the streets.

The source added that judges are getting tougher in sentencing and have put away many gang leaders for a long time.

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Man tried to recruit sex workers: Cops

Toronto police have arrested and charged a man they believe was trying to force women to become sex workers.

Police say the man went by the aliases "Ricky Downey" and "Playboy" and operated mostly in the downtown core and along Kingston Road.

Mark Anthony Burton, 42, is charged with two counts of procuring a person to become a prostitute, one count of living on the avails of prostitution, as well as various sexual assault and theft charges.

Investigators say there may be more alleged victims and are asking anyone with information to come forward. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shooting death probed

Toronto police are looking for suspects in what they are calling a homicide in the north end of the city.

Police say Rendell Palacios, 22, died of a gunshot wound at an apartment on Rosseau Road early Monday.

They say two men entered the apartment with a gun, shot him and then fled the scene.

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Charges in alleged insurance fraud

Hamilton police have charged three men following a seven-month investigation into auto-body shops that were allegedly defrauding insurance companies.

Police say the body shops would send people to the scenes of accidents to tell the drivers their vehicles were unsafe to drive.

They would then offer to take the vehicle into the body shop where insurance officials would find more damage than had originally been reported at the scene.

Police say this was done to inflate the claim costs.

The men, aged 48, 39 and 67, were charged with fraud over $5,000 and conspiracy to commit fraud.

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Bike art project under attack

Vandals kick neon bikes and steal parts But project creators welcome things like stickers, some graffiti

It's been a bad month for the Good Bike project.

Spray-painted bikes meant to beautify the urban landscape have been bashed in, robbed for parts and marked with graffiti.

The pink bike that used to sit in the concrete tree park near Bay Station in Yorkville has disappeared entirely.

"It's strange to think people have so much rage towards bicycles or the project," said Caroline Mcfarland.

The public art project was conceived in June after Mcfarland painted a bike t abandoned outside the OCAD Student Gallery where she works. The city initially threatened to remove the spontaneous piece of art until a public outcry prompted a larger city-sanctioned art project.

Since then, Mcfarland and OCAD colleague Vanessa Nicholas have salvaged about 50 bikes from the dump, covered them in bright paint and positioned them around the city.

Mcfarland said some of the bikes have been bashed.

Lewd graffiti is not appreciated, either, but some messages are forgivable, said Mcfarland.

"When you're doing a project like this, (graffiti) sort of comes with the territory. They're going to be tagged. There are better tags than others. It's an interesting debate whether that's vandalism or whether that's just a continuation of an intervention," Mcfarland said.

Artistic convo

- The bike outside the OCAD Student Gallery has recently turned into a memorial for Jack Layton, with excerpts from his letter to Canadians taped to its handlebars and wheels.
- Comic strip stickers were affixed to a yellow bike on Dundas Street West and Augusta Avenue.
- A pink bike on College Street just west of Spadina Avenue has been covered in tags, which Nicholas said looks "pretty cool."

Tribute. Admirer

▶ Nine-year-old Justin Nadela watches yesterday as Balasingham Atchutha Mohan writes a message on a wall in tribute to the late NDP leader Jack Layton at Nathan Phillips Square.

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More come to write to Jack Layton

The outpouring of grief over Layton's death has come from across the country. Prime Minister Stephen Harper is on his annual Arctic tour, but is scheduled to attend the state funeral in Toronto on Saturday.

350K Union sources revealed that the bills for hiring representation for Sid Ryan surpassed $350,000.

To clear boss cost union

The Ontario Federation of Labour, spent more than $350,000 recently to exonerate president Sid Ryan of racial discrimination and harassment complaints by one of the group's top officers, according to union sources.

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Child-care centres to display serious incidents

Starting this November, all licensed childcare operators must clearly post serious occurrence reports in centres for all to see – but parents still can't find them online.

The incident notice must be posted in a visible area of the childcare centre for at least 10 days.

The change comes in wake of the death of Duy-An Nguyen, a 14-month-old Mississauga girl who was cared for in an unlicensed home daycare. She died earlier this year on Jan. 7.

But nearly four years ago, the Ontario government promised to regularly report and publish daycare inspection records online after an in-depth Star investigation in 2007.

Andrea Calver, the co-ordinator for the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, called the minister's announcement non-news at a time when the sector is struggling to keep centres open.

The coalition has asked for a coroner's inquiry to probe Nguyen's death. Calver said they are waiting to hear if an inquiry will be held. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ Mi Thu holds a portrait of her cousin, 14-month-old Duy-An Nguyen, who died following an incident at a home-based daycare in January.

Waiting lists

While many parents would prefer to have their kids in licensed, regulated environments, waiting lists to get into those centres can sometimes be years long and parents are forced to rely on informal options that are not publicly monitored.

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Final off-season tune-up for hockey stars

Toronto camp led by Matt Nichol, Gary Roberts ‘Two of the best trainers in our sport’: Steven Stamkos

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Many of hockey’s elite are in Toronto taking part in the second annual BioSteel hockey camp. The program is being led by renowned trainers Matt Nichol and former NHL player Gary Roberts at a secret training facility in the city.

Nichol is a strength and conditioning coach with more than 12 years of experience coaching North American athletes, including working with the Toronto Maple Leafs from 2002-2009. Roberts first met Nichol when he was playing for the Leafs and is now himself one of the most sought-after trainers in the industry.

Each trainer has brought in his own group of athletes to take part in the competitive five-day training program, which includes intense workouts on and off the ice. The players are essentially going through one last tune-up before NHL training camps open in mid-September.

Nichol’s group features many players from the GTA including Montreal Canadiens forward Michael Cammalleri from Richmond Hill and Brampton’s Tyler Seguin, in his second season with the Stanley Cup champion Boston Bruins.

Roberts’ list of athletes included two stars originally from Markham — Tampa Bay Lightning sniper Steven Stamkos and Carolina Hurricanes Calder Trophy winner Jeff Skinner.

“You have arguably two of the best trainers in our sport with Gary and Matt,” said Stamkos. “They share the same common themes when it comes to working out and when it comes to nutrition. When you can combine Gary’s group and Matt’s group together, it creates that competitive nature.”

ANTHONY TUCCITTO/BIOSTEEL

▶ Many players are using a new drink called BioSteel, developed by trainer Matt Nichol and championed by stars like Montreal Canadiens’ Mike Cammalleri, shown here training at BioSteel’s hockey camp.

Nutrition tips from Matt Nichol

“There are certain unique problems that pro athletes have that aren’t very applicable to regular people, but some of the same problems that are the same are meal frequency and meal planning. It’s important to surround yourself with healthy food and do your best to avoid being surrounded by unhealthy food and also to plan ahead. Don’t get to work with no snacks ... and expect that there will be healthy options available to you whenever you want them. Plan ahead.

“Whether my guys gain or lose weight, I want them eating every 3-4 hours. What they eat changes depending on their goals, but that’s a huge stumbling block for a lot of people, and I think, interestingly enough, I see a lot of people trying to lose body fat. One of the biggest problems is that they’re not eating enough.

“It’s up to me to say: ‘OK, I’m going to be at the rink for 10 hours today, that means I know I have to eat every 3-4 hours, I have to have three healthy meals with me.’ Normally, if you were eating every 3-4 hours: you would be less likely to make a bad choice with the type of food and you wouldn’t eat as much.” AMAN DHANOA

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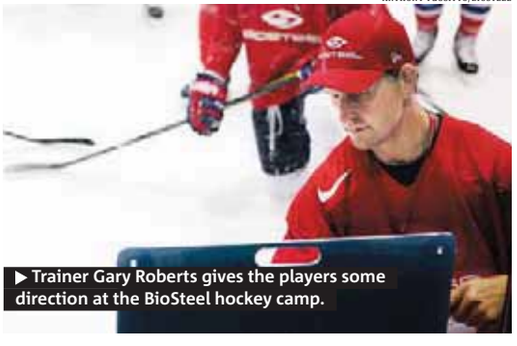

▶ Trainer Gary Roberts gives the players some direction at the BioSteel hockey camp.

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For Jack, the Hill's last farewell

An outpouring of grief as Ottawa crowds mourn beloved NDP leader

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They came by the hundreds — all ages, shapes and colours.

Throngs of Canadians lined up on Parliament Hill yesterday to pay their respects to Jack Layton.

By late afternoon, more than 1,500 people had filed past the NDP leader's flag-draped coffin.

Hélène Lapointe, an NDP provincial executive member in Dieppe, N.B., was one of the first to arrive. Her voice trembled as she recalled her memories of Layton, who died of cancer Monday.

"He came to (a nomination) in Acadie Bathurst, N.B., started speaking French and said 'Thanks to Hélène, my French is much better.'"

Lapointe had always stressed that MPs needed to be perfectly bilingual.

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Tower's tribute

- The CN Tower will glow orange from sundown Saturday until sunrise Sunday in honour of Jack Layton.
- The tower will be lit with the colours of the NDP leader's party to coincide with his state funeral, a spokesperson at the downtown tourist attraction said yesterday.
- The service is set to take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Roy Thomson Hall.

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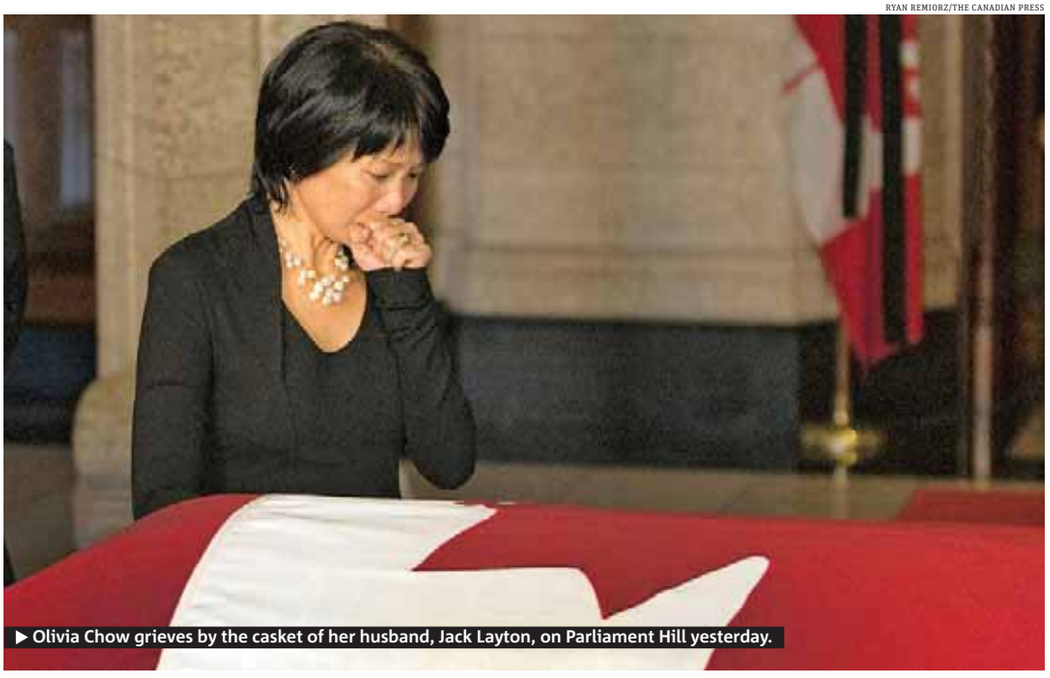

▶ Olivia Chow grieves by the casket of her husband, Jack Layton, on Parliament Hill yesterday.

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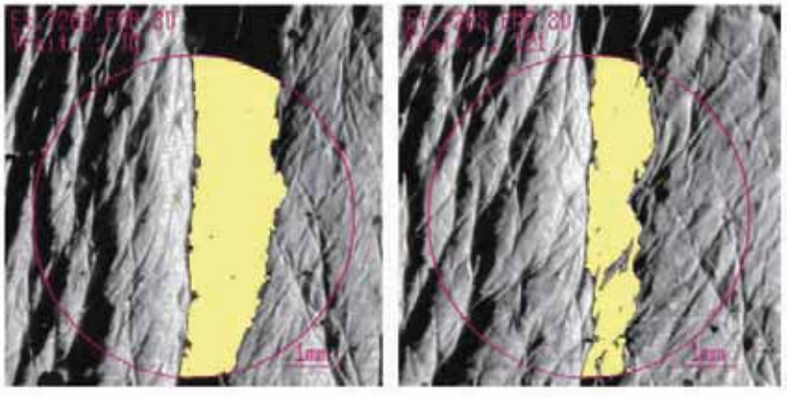

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Baby thrown from four storeys dies

- 'She didn't accept that he was like this,' says husband
- Mother's arraignment postponed until Sept. 16

A seven-month-old baby boy who was tossed from the fourth floor of a hospital parking structure died yesterday, the same day his mother made a first court appearance on charges of attempted murder and felony child abuse, a police spokesman said.

The child died yesterday morning at the University of California, Irvine, Medical Center and charges against the mother, Sonia Hermosillo, 31, will be upgraded to murder, said Sgt. Dan Adams, spokesman for the Orange Police Department.

The woman's husband, Noe Medina, told the Orange County Register on Tuesday that his wife had been hospitalized for postpartum depression in June after she said she didn't want their son, Noe Jr., who was diagnosed with congenital muscular torticollis — a twisting of the neck to one side.

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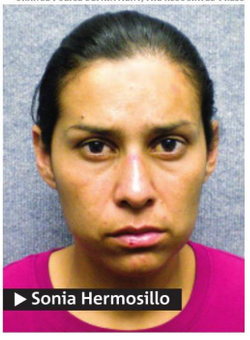

▶ Sonia Hermosillo

"She didn't look at our son as normal," Medina said.

The infant also wore a helmet to help correct his plagiocephaly, also known as flat-head syndrome, the Register reported.

Prosecutors allege that Hermosillo removed the helmet before tossing him from the parking structure at Children's Hospital of Orange County late Monday. She then went back inside the hospital to validate her parking, senior deputy district attorney Scott Simmons said after Hermosillo's hearing.

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Ukraine. Protest

▶ Police detain a member of the activist group FEMEN after its protest against government policy in front of the Cabinet building in Kyiv yesterday. Ukraine is marking the 20th anniversary of its independence.

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Going topless for change

The brazen young members of FEMEN are going to new lengths to ensure their voices are heard — and those methods often include letting down their bra straps. Established in 2008 by a group of Kiev university students, FEMEN now comprises an estimated 300 members, mainly female students.

Woman settles suit against date site

A woman who sued Match.com after being sexually assaulted by a man she met on the dating website settled her lawsuit on Tuesday when she saw proof that the site was screening its members for sexual predators.

Carole Markin sued the website when she found out her attacker had been convicted of sexual battery. She did not seek monetary damages in her lawsuit, just a court order requiring the site to check its members' backgrounds to weed out convicted sex offenders.

"If I save one woman from being attacked, I'm happy," Markin said. "I went into this lawsuit to protect other people, and it worked."

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Clashes punctuate search for Gadhafi

Rebels may be running out of weapons but cannot claim 'true' victory until the longtime dictator is found

NATO campaign issued 46 air strikes on Tuesday

Scattered battles flared yesterday across the Libyan capital, with pro-regime snipers cutting off the road to Tripoli's airport while loyalist fighters launched repeated attacks on Moammar's Gadhafi's captured Bab al-Aziziya compound.

While opposition fighters claimed they had most of Tripoli under control, a defiant Gadhafi vowed from hiding that he would fight on "until victory or martyrdom."

Few civilians were willing to venture outside. The streets were scattered with debris, while rebels manned checkpoints.

But intense clashes broke out in the Abu Salim neighbourhood, which is thought to be one of the regime's final strongholds.

Gadhafi's foreign minister, Abdul Ati al-Obeidi, told British media that the dictator's rule "was over" and that safe passage out of Libya was now unlikely.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague said it was clear Gadhafi had lost control of most of Tripoli and called on him to "stop issuing delusional statements."

Rebel leaders made first moves to set up a new government in the capital. Rebel leader Mahmoud Jibril was to meet yesterday with French President Nicholas Sarkozy and British Prime Minister David Cameron.

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▶ Rebel fighters celebrate as they stand on top of the monument inside Moammar Gadhafi's compound in Tripoli yesterday. The rebels say they have now taken control of nearly all of the capital.

Reporters kidnapped in Libya

Italy's foreign ministry says four Italian journalists were kidnapped yesterday and their driver killed, apparently by Libyan regime loyalists, on a highway 50 kilometres west of Tripoli.

Two journalists were from the Milan daily Corriere della Sera, one from Turin's La Stampa and one from Avvenire, a national Catholic paper.

The Avvenire reporter called Milan saying the four Italians were OK.

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Tsunami was forecast

Nuclear plant operator knew tsunami was coming, but was unable to take precautions: Regulator

Japan's nuclear regulator said yesterday that the operator of a crippled nuclear plant knew it might be hit by a far bigger tsunami than it was designed to withstand.

The Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency said the operator informed it just four days before Japan's massive March 11 earthquake and tsunami that waves exceeding 10 metres could hit the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant. The plant was only designed to withstand a tsunami about half that height.

Agency officials said yesterday they recommended that Tokyo Electric Power Co. take measures to prepare for a bigger tsunami but did not give specific instructions.

The March tsunami hit the plant with waves higher than 15 metres, destroying its cooling systems, triggering explosions and fires and sending large amounts of radiation into the environment. The cores of three of the plant's six reactors melted within a few days.

About 20,000 people died or are missing after the tsunami hit Japan's northern coast. More than 100,000 people were also forced to evacuate from the nuclear plant's vicinity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Old. Tradition

▶ Maria dos Anjos, a 62 year-old official dunker, bathes a young girl in the sea as part of a ritual thought to heal and protect children from the devil, at a beach in Portugal yesterday.

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Dunking for good measure

The centuries-old ritual began at daybreak with children carrying black roosters around St. Bartholomew church three times, kissing a statue of the saint and then heading to the beach, where they were dipped three times in the sea.

Beck completes Israel visit

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TV personality Glenn Beck capped a contentious visit to Israel yesterday by hosting a rally next to a hotly disputed holy site in Jerusalem's Old City.

Hundreds of supporters, including Israeli politicians, were on hand to hear the commentator in the final leg of his "Restoring Courage" tour of the Holy Land. A small group of protesters held banners saying "Glenn Beck, go home." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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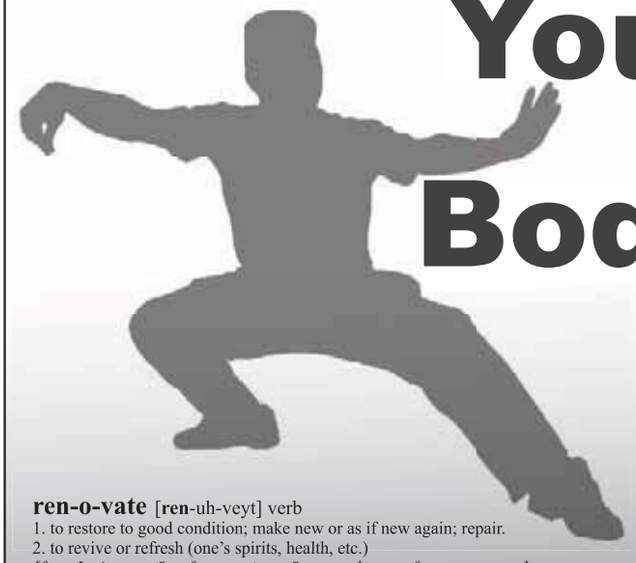

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Irene churns up the Caribbean

Storm heads for Bahamas East Coast in its sights

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▶ Hurricane Irene affects Baracoa, Cuba, yesterday.

Some tourists caught the last planes out of the Bahamas yesterday while others remained behind with residents and prepared for what was expected to be a rough night as large and powerful Hurricane Irene threatened to deliver punishing winds and floods to the low-lying chain of islands.

The Bahamian capital buzzed with last-minute preparations, with the government and some major resorts setting up emergency shelters and store owners boarding up their windows. Nassau's downtown is known to flood even in heavy rain, so the storm surge was expected to make many roads impassable, especially in the colonial downtown.

Many visitors weren't waiting around to find out what would happen and fled the country, waiting in long lines to catch planes before the airport closed. Some tourists had no choice but to leave since smaller hotels abruptly closed and larger ones were booked up with Bahamian residents looking for a place to ride out the storm. Others flying out simply didn't want to take their chances with what could be a major storm.

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Nokia unveils Smartphones

TECHNOLOGY. Nokia unveiled three mass-market smartphones yesterday, as the troubled handset maker struggles against top-end competitors and cheaper producers in a market it once ruled as the innovative technology bellwether.

The models include what the Finland-based company calls the world's smallest touch-screen smartphone.

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Consumers show concern

STOCK SHOCK. The Conference Board of Canada says its index of consumer confidence fell in August to its lowest level in more than two years.

The board says the index fell 6.6 points in August to 74.7, the lowest since July 2009.

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Wireless plan heats California

SAFETY. The San Francisco Bay Area's transit agency is considering a policy allowing police to turn off wireless communications on train platforms.

The transit agency ignited debate over free speech when it cut wireless service in subway stations this month to stop protest plans.

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Ottawa invests in green auto plans

Leaders believe new centre will promote greater collaboration with academics, car makers and suppliers

Ottawa is investing in the car of the future with an $11.5-million grant for green auto research.

The McMaster Automotive Resource Centre (MARC) at McMaster University is expected to be complete by the end of 2012 at a total cost of $26 million.

The university had already committed $9.5 million as part of its vision to make the school the hub of advanced automotive research and development in Canada.

The centre will bring together researchers from the university, industry and government to collaborate on developing and testing new hybrid and electric powertrains, batteries and lightweight materials, all of which will ultimately result in cleaner and more fuel-efficient vehicles.

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▶ Gary Goodyear, minister of state for the Federal Economic Development Agency for southern Ontario, announces $11.5 million to create the McMaster Automotive Resource Centre on Longwood Drive in Hamilton yesterday.

It's expected the centre, believed to be one of a kind, will employ 120 to 150.

"There is nothing like this in the world," said Gary Goodyear, minister of state for the Federal Economic Development Agency for southern Ontario, who made the funding announcement yesterday.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Centre plans

- The new centre will be housed in 80,000 square feet located at the Careport centre at McMaster Innovation Park.
- Ali Emadi, director of MacAUTO and holder of the $10-million Canada Excellence Research Chair in Hybrid Powertrain, says the program is seeking projects from auto companies across North America, China and Europe.
- Goodyear said that the MARC funding is part of the Conservative government's Prosperity Initiative.
- The initiative is a $800-million program, which is designed to bolster innovation and economic growth in southern Ontario.

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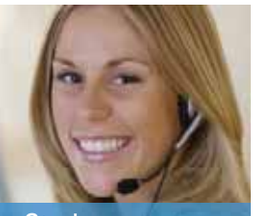

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Apple CEO resigns from post due to health issues

Has survived pancreatic cancer, had liver transplant

Steve Jobs, the mind behind the iPhone, iPad and other devices that turned Apple Inc. into one of the world's most powerful companies, resigned as the company's CEO yesterday, saying he can no longer handle the job.

The move appears to be the result of an unspecified medical condition for which he took an indefinite leave from his post in January.

Apple's chief operating officer, Tim Cook, has been named CEO.

In a letter addressed to Apple's board and the "Apple community," Jobs said he "always said if there ever came a day when I could no longer meet my duties and expectations as Apple's CEO, I would be the first to let you know. Unfortunately, that day has come."

The company said Jobs gave the board his resignation yesterday and suggested Cook be named the company's new leader.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper stamps a $1.8-million bar of gold with a maple leaf yesterday

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Harper in the gold

Prime Minister Stephen Harper toured the Agnico-Eagle's Meadowbank mine facility in Nunavut yesterday, just north of the hamlet of Baker Lake.

Google pays millions for drug ads

Google Inc. has agreed to pay $500 million US to settle a U.S. government investigation into the distribution of online ads from Canadian pharmacies illegally selling prescription drugs to U.S.

The settlement means the Internet search leader will not face criminal prosecution for accusations that it improperly profited from the ads. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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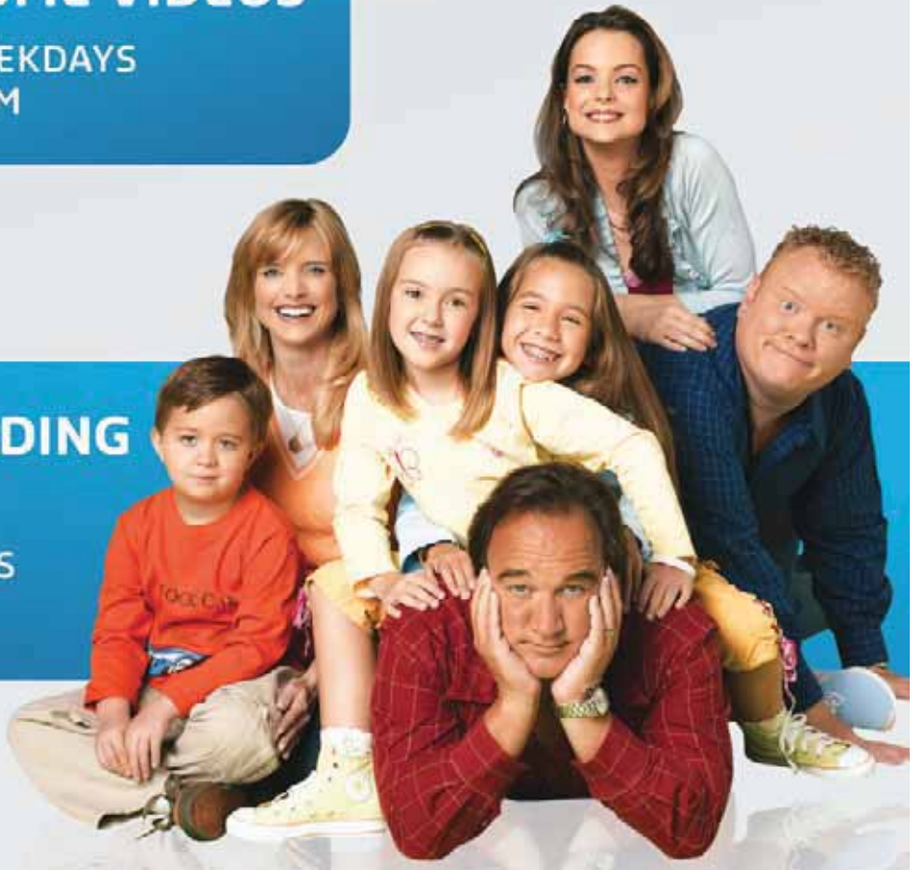

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A PLEA TO STOP A CYCLE OF ABUSE

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

Now that I've been a cyclist for a few months, I know the group of people on Earth I hate most are other cyclists.

My disdain for my two-wheeled counterparts falls somewhere between Libyans' hatred of Gadhafi and New Democrats' hatred of Christie Blatchford (a tight squeeze, I know). But it's true: You can all bike at full speed under bridges with four-foot clearances, for all I care.

The only positive thing I can say about the lot of you is "Thanks for making me feel unique." Because I am apparently the only Canadian cyclist who follows the rules of the road.

I stop at stop lights (gasp). I signal my turns (shock). I do not assume "shared trail" means "cycles moving at 40 km/h and human speed bumps leaping out of the way."

The other day I approached a crosswalk with a person in it. The wheel-shocked pedestrian, accustomed to years of (the cycle of) abuse, went into full duck-and-cover mode, like a Brit during the Blitz. When she looked up from her huddle to realize I had stopped, she looked baffled, then sheepishly said, "Sorry!" as she passed in front of me.

"I'm not asking for puritanical devotion to the rules: I'd just like more cyclists to stop riding as if they were in a Farrelly Brothers movie called Blind Cyclist, where our hero ends up covered in newspapers and dead birds as he plows through crowds of people, a strip club and a perfect wedding."

I yelled after her: "DON'T APOLOGIZE! YOU HAD THE RIGHT OF WAY!"

You know you've become a cyclist-hating cyclist when you start yelling positive things at pedestrians.

Conversely, rarely a ride goes by without me yelling something slightly less positive at another cyclist — usually something like, "THE LIGHT IS RED, YOU [profanity] DOG [obscenity] EATING [vulgarity]!"

Then I spend the rest of the trip cycling slow so I don't catch up with that guy.

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We live in a society where anything that slows cars down, including ambulances and inertia, is deemed part of the "War on the Car." Bikes are No. 1 on the list of irrational targets. When I argue back to motorists, I'd like to have some moral high ground.

So, please, let's stop the cycle of abuse together. And if any cyclists don't understand where I'm coming from, I'd recommend wearing your helmet at all times. You probably need it.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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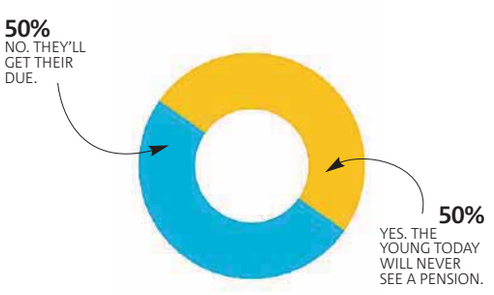

Local tweets

- **@lannyf:** As discussion moves to @jacklayton, ladies here in the office begin to cry #RIPJack #cdnpoli
- **@spaikin:** I can't get over olivia chow. ndp advisor brad lavigne started crying as he tried to console her. now she's consoling him. #jacklayton
- **@indeedemma:** Streetcar just passed Jack Layton's office. Had seen pictures of the flowers, more beautiful in person. Silence on streetcar. #RIPJack
- **@nestruck:** If you're still fussing about Blatchford's column, you've already forgotten the nicest part of the Layton letter: Love is better than anger.
- **@queerbeat:** The CN Tower is trending in Toronto. So awesome. #PaintTheCNTowerOrange!
- **@sukhiitdot:** Aw. The CN Tower will be lit up in orange for Jack Layton. #sweetestthingever #hedeservesit
- **@arielle3000:** Everything he said made so much sense to me. #JackLayton
- **@kristywongtam:** Great to know that the CN Tower is going orange in honour of #JackLayton!

Letters

JACK LAYTON.

Jack Layton was a tireless and down-to-earth champion for social justice, homelessness, equality and personal liberty.

His tenacity and energy has never been seen before in Canadian politics, for which he will be sorely missed. Although we can never replace Jack Layton, all progressive politicians can honour his vision by continuing his call to action for love, hope and optimism.

JARED EVANS
VANCOUVER

Mr. Layton should be remembered as a leader who has played a greater role in bringing a lot of Quebec separatists into his party to work for the unity of the country — something no other politician did. At a time when right-wing politics have been gaining momentum, Mr. Layton managed to win big in the last election, showing that Canadians still believe in a more balanced approach. He was a man of greater charisma, a man of hope and justice and a leader who did not look down at the man of the street but looked at everyone with the respect each one deserved.

ABUBAKAR KASIM
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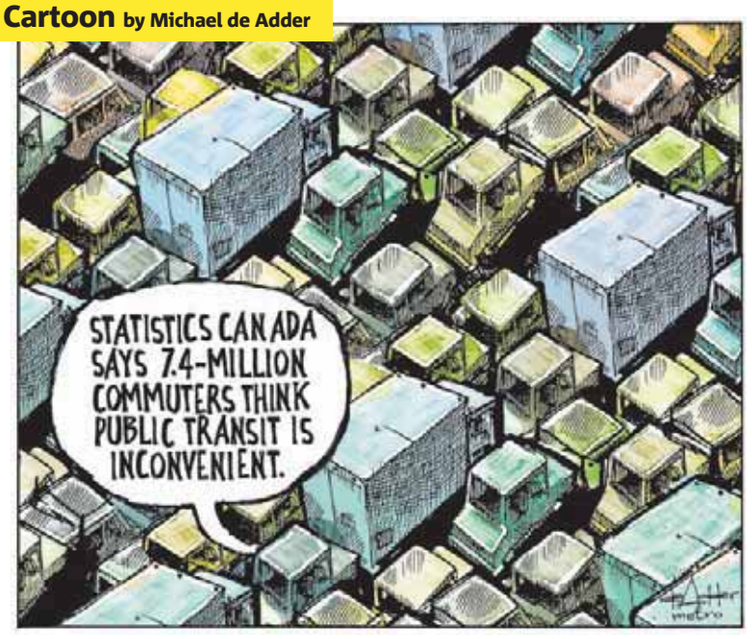

WEIRD NEWS

Inmate's protest takes flight

An inmate trying to get attention for his case paid a pilot to fly a banner over a New York City jail complex.

The New York Post says Vadim Vassilenko rented the Cessna 172 Skyhawk on Tuesday.

The 30-metre banner read: "V. Vassilenko jailed 5+ yrs. — no trial — is this legal?"

He's been at the Manhattan Detention Complex since 2007 on charges of selling stolen credit card numbers as part of an international cyber-crime ring.

The plane rents for $1,250 US for two hours, and the pilot says Vassilenko had someone on the outside wire him the money.

Vassilenko faces deportation after his case is adjudicated.

His immigration lawyer, Merrill Cohen, says his client wants to be with his family in Ukraine.

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News in brief

Ben Stiller is being honoured for his comedic contributions by the British Academy of Film and Television. The group's Los Angeles branch says Stiller will receive the Charlie Chaplin Britannia Award for Excellence in Comedy.
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Yearbook photos of Lady Gaga, Ryan Reynolds, Bradley Cooper, other stars published online.

Cosplay to be on full display

Fan boys set to descend upon Toronto

BACKSTAGE PASS

IAN GORMELY
METRO TORONTO

It's hard out there for a fanboy.

Back in the day, all it took for entrée into the geek clique was knowing your Yak Face from your 4-LOM (they're Star Wars characters, BTW). But these days, a quick wiki-walk and the entire collective knowledge of anything is yours for the taking.

So perhaps it's no surprise that dressing up as the fictional characters has emerged as the weapon of choice when it comes to separating the true fan from the weekend-nerds of the world. And those fans will be out in full force this weekend for Toronto's annual ode to geek-chic, Fan Expo.

"(It) is just a way for people to show off their fandom and costume-making ability," says Scott Inglis. Fan Expo will be his first time dressing up.

"For me it was a passion for creating things," explains Dawn McKechnie, director of Fan Expo's annual Saturday night masquerade and a 30-year veteran of costuming.

VINCE TALOTTA/TORONTO STAR

▶ Ahh, so many comic book characters, so many costumes to choose from.

Fan Expo

There's far more than just cosplay at Fan Expo. Be sure to check out these highlights.

- **Nerd Speed Dating:** Genre specific chances to find true love.
- **Jedi School:** Learn the ways of the Force. Includes lightsaber duels.
- **501st Grand March:** 501st Legion of Stormtroopers perform their annual march through the convention centre.
- **J-Pop Dance:** Groove to the tunes from your favourite Japanese animated programs.
- **Gaming Tournament:** Whether you're a card or video based gamer, this is your chance to prove your mettle.
- **Sketching Duels:** A host of comic artists go pen to pen in this friendly competition.

If you're hoping to check out the scene at the Convention Centre, expect to see far more than your typical Batman or Klingon get-ups. Costume play, or cosplay for short, is all about creativity and accuracy.

Cosplayers discuss their plans on message boards months in advance, cultivating the perfect outfit. And while many of the characters they recreate are well-known in gaming, sci-fi, comic and horror circles, most remain obscure figures to the general public.

Inglis is going as a character from the web comic MS Paint Adventures.

Saturday night's masquerade is a competition that sees upwards of 100 groups strut their stuff for supremacy. Prizes are on offer, but for cosplayers, having your homemade get-up deemed "the best" is a prize in its own right.

"It's a real pride thing," says McKechnie. "It's usually about the bragging rights."

Fan Expo 2011, Aug. 25-28, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, $25 to $40. fanexpocanada.com.

60 seconds

▶ Eve Myles, left, John Barrowman, Alexa Havins and Mekhi Pfifer are the cast of Torchwood: Miracle Day.

EXPLORING IMMORTALITY

"I THINK THAT SPEAKS TO THE WAY OF THE WORLD"

Torchwood: Miracle Day asks the question: What happens if no one dies? The latest installment of the cult British sci-fi series Miracle Day sparks a fascinating, philosophical conversation about overpopulation, dwindling resources, and the conflict such dire predicaments would cause. Mekhi Phifer plays a CIA agent helping members of Torchwood — a secret British organization that investigates the extraterrestrial — uncover the mystery behind the day humans became immortal.

Your character, agent Rex Matheson, got into an accident and should have died; thanks to Miracle Day, he's still alive. What's going on inside the mind of a dead man walking?

Rex is the kind of guy that when faced with a challenge he wants to conquer that challenge. The challenge is "I should be dead," so that means the way he has thought about life up til now is wrong — and that is a challenge in itself. He's thinking, "I want to make sure that we help the world, but listen — in figuring out this miracle, will I be a victim? Will (there be a point when) I just pass out and die?"

His black-and-white moral compass is definitely being tested. And it often puts him in conflict with members of Torchwood.

You see a conflict between the Americans and the guys from the U.K. We obviously started out not liking each other, and then we got thrown into this world where we have to work together, realizing that we have more in common than in differences. I think that speaks to the way of the world today. ● AMBER RAY

Get ready for the apocalypse

Don't wait, warns the star of Livin' for the Apocalypse ● Here's how you can be ready for the end of the world ● First step, grow an awesome beard

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HANDOUT

▶ Dr. Stirling Silverman stars in the upcoming TLC special Livin' for the Apocalypse.

Financial collapse in the U.S., and now an earthquake? Not surprisingly, a growing sector of the population feels that, yes, the apocalypse is well on the way and they're taking every precaution to be ready. Take for example, survivalist Dr. Stirling Silverman (he will not give us his real name for security reasons) who is featured in TLC's upcoming special, Livin' for the Apocalypse.

Since the late 1980's and in an undisclosed location in Missouri, Silverman has been stockpiling food, water, weaponry, silver — you name it — in the event of government or environmental failure.

"In the late '80s … I became aware that the government was just not going to be prepared for social security because they were spending the money that we were paying in," he says. "Of course, anybody who can do the math understands that the baby boomer (generation) is a large group of people … (today) you're going to have less people paying into the system and then you're going to have all these baby boomers that are expecting to get their retirement money from social security. I think it's criminally negligent that our politicians did not foresee this thing coming."

Expecting the possibilities of "social unrest, economic collapse and hyper-inflation," Silverman began collecting silver, which may be handy to have if the dollar collapses completely.

Think that sounds extreme? Consider the reasons why you're reading this article right now, or why a show called Livin' for the Apocalypse was made in the first place.

"I think just about everybody out there senses that we're on the verge of something really bad and a lot of people don't understand what it is," says Silverman.

What to stock

Dr. Stirling Silverman's tips for apocalypse

- **Water** "Have some bottled water or larger containers of water in storage and also water filters."
- **Food** "You should have at least enough at home to last — depending on what your philosophy is — a few weeks."

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9/11

When is the coverage too much?

Television In the days after the attacks, ABC, on the advice of a prominent child psychologist, ordered it news division to strictly curtail reruns of the more disturbing images: the second plane crashing in to the World Trade Center and the collapse of the towers. The concern was that children couldn't process that they were reruns, and might think the tragedy was happening again elsewhere. Other news divisions largely followed suit. Because of that judicious usage, people have not become desensitized to the pictures from that awful day, says Jay Wallace, Fox News Channel vice-president of news.

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Networks will run 9-11 shows

As the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks near, television news channels preparing their specials Expected to be all day retrospective

Television viewers who want to immerse themselves in memories of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks as the 10th anniversary approaches will have a staggering number of choices, and on the day itself, broadcast and cable news networks will all have their top talent on hand for special coverage.

There will be dozens of specials covering the events from every conceivable angle. Many are from networks that either didn't exist back in 2001, didn't have the capacity to cover the tragedy live or weren't aggressively making as much original programming.

Chances are that the 10th will end up being the biggest anniversary in terms of media attention: 9/11 is still relatively fresh in the minds of those who experienced it, yet time has also offered more perspective.

"This was an event that everyone who was over the age of 10 remembers where they were on this day."

MARK BURSTEIN, ABC NEWS

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▶ Plumes of smoke rise from the World Trade Center buildings in New York. The Empire State building is seen in the foreground.

"It was a transformative event," said Mark Burstein, executive producer of special events coverage for ABC News. "This was an event that everyone who was over the age of 10 remembers where they were on this day."

Diane Sawyer and George Stephanopoulos will anchor ABC's special the morning of Sept. 11, with coverage of the memorial mixed in with other reports. Brian Williams will anchor NBC's coverage, simulcast on MSNBC, which will also feature Tom Brokaw, who anchored for NBC a decade ago. Scott Pelley is on hand for CBS.

Shepard Smith of Fox News Channel is the main anchor who led his network's coverage 10 years ago and will be back in the same role.

Anderson Cooper and Candy Crowley will be at ground zero for CNN, in a telecast that will be shown all over the world.

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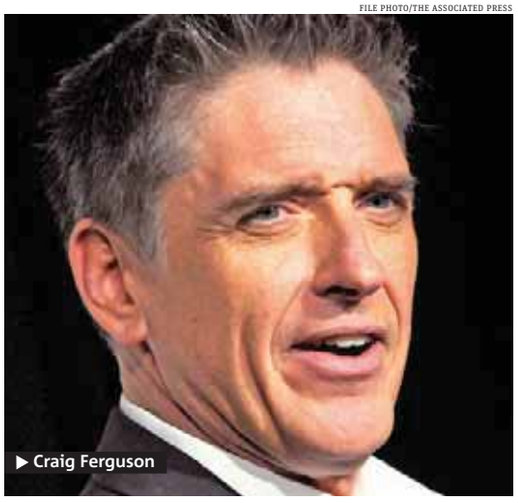

▶ Craig Ferguson

Comic threats no joke

FBI investigate threatening letter from overseas sent to Craig Ferguson

Craig Ferguson managed to crack a few jokes on his talk show Tuesday after receiving an envelope packed with white powder that turned out to be harmless.

"Today someone sent an envelope packed with white powder to the show. I offered to test it, but they said 'no,'" Ferguson quipped during a studio taping of The Late Late Show.

The taping went on as scheduled after the show received a threatening letter sent to Ferguson. Police Det. Gus Villanueva declined to discuss the nature of the threat against the talk show host, saying only that it was sent from overseas.

Two people at CBS Television City, where the show is filmed, were temporarily held in isolation after being exposed to the powder around 3 p.m. They were released after a hazardous materials team screened the powder and found it to be benign.

FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said the agency was working with police to find out who sent the letter.

The brief scare appeared to have rattled Ferguson's nerves.

"I was going to come out and talk about the earthquake, but I can't do that now," he said about the magnitude 5.8 quake that struck the East Coast. "Because the earthquake only scared millions of people on the East Coast, but the white powder did something much worse. It scared me."

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Fonda talks sex

New book dishes on the deed in the twilight years

Jane Fonda's new book features several chapters devoted to encouraging sexuality in old age, a topic she knows is uncomfortable for many people.

Young people, that is.

"It's young people that have the hang-up," the 73-year-old icon said while chatting at a chic Toronto hotel this week.

"I think as the population ages in general, the taboo around sex at an older age will be lessened. Because after all, baby boomers think they invented sex, you know? Their knees and hips will go before their sex (drive) will.

"So I think it's going to become a much easier topic to talk about and I just happen to be a pioneer in it right now."

Of course, sex is only one part of the equation in Prime Time, a book that Fonda hopes will inspire readers — young and old — to make the most of their later years. The book covers love, fitness, food, meditation and self-analysis. Fonda spent four years writing it and savoured the extensive research process.

"It's very unusual that a book like this goes into sexuality with the detail that I go into," she points out. "We're living 34 years longer than our great grandparents did. That's an entire second adult lifetime. Why should we pack it in in any way when you have all that time?"

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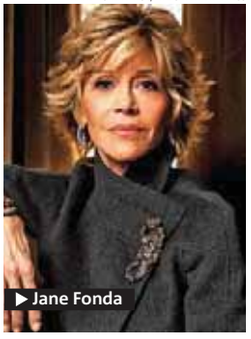

▶ Jane Fonda

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Scarface says hello to Blu-ray

Pacino and co-stars celebrate the legacy of an unlikely hit New DVD to be released Sept. 6

Al Pacino says he got burned while making Scarface.

Literally, he grabbed the hot barrel of a gun that had just shot 30 rounds during one of Tony Montana's violent scenes.

"My hand stuck to that sucker," the 71-year-old actor recalled. He couldn't work for two weeks.

Pacino relayed the experience during a discussion with Scarface co-stars Steven Bauer, Robert Loggia and F. Murray Abraham and producer Martin Bregman at a party Tuesday heralding the film's Blu-ray release.

Part of the charm of the film, Pacino said, is that it wasn't initially a hit.

"It's one of my favourites because of its whole evolution," he said. "It (was) sort of eviscerated after it opened by the press. ... Nobody was fond of it, except it had good audience participation."

He said "it's almost a miracle" audiences continue to discover and appreciate the film.

He wanted to make it after being inspired by Paul Muni's performance in the 1932 original. Sidney Lumet suggested he make the main character Cuban instead of Italian.

Pacino's Scarface is set in 1980s Miami, and Tony Montana is an ambitious immigrant who runs a growing drug empire until he eventually collapses under greed and addiction. Pacino's performance as the gun-wielding, coke-snorting Montana is among his most memorable.

He said that during the nine months he was shooting the film, his character practically inhabited him. When a friend's yappy little dog lunged at him, Pacino said he cocked back his fist instinctively, as if threatening a punch.

"So I love Tony Montana, man, because I couldn't do that!" Pacino said Tuesday.

Bregman called Scarface a "perfect, perfect movie."

Its timeless themes of greed, desire and ambition would make it controversial even if it were just released today, Pacino said.

Screenwriter Oliver Stone and director Brian De Palma were both "trying to talk about the avarice of the '80s," Pacino said. "At that time, there was this whole thing about greed, which was Wall Street and everything, and I think that's part of it."

The Blu-ray will be released Sept. 6.

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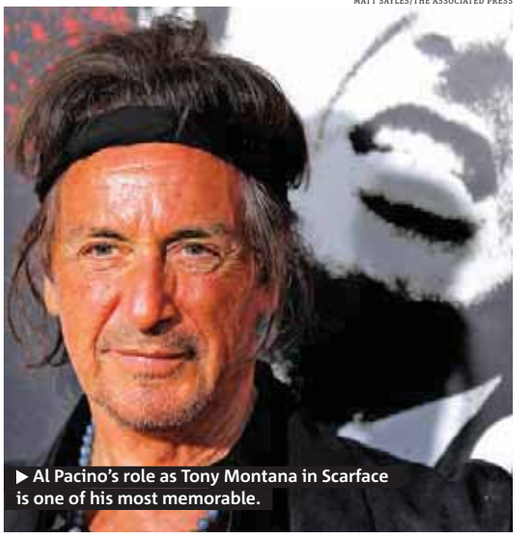

▶ Al Pacino's role as Tony Montana in Scarface is one of his most memorable.

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Smiths deny separation

Source says there are 'significant problems' in marriage

Will Smith and Jada Pinkett were quick to respond to reports that they are separating.

"Although we are reluctant to respond to these types of press reports, the rumors circulating about our relationship are completely false.

"We are still together, and our marriage is intact," the couple said in a statement to E! News.

But a source tells TMZ that while the couple hasn't made the decision to separate, there are "significant problems in their marriage" that they are trying to work out, and that separation is still "definitely a possibility."

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▶ Will Smith and Jada Pinkett say rumours about them separating are not true.

Carey to guest judge on X-Factor

It looks like Mariah Carey will be a part of the U.S. edition of the X-Factor after all, but she won't be sitting behind the judges' table.

"Mariah is definitely confirmed to be a part of X Factor," a source says, explaining that Carey will be a guest of a judge instead of a judge herself.

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▶ Mariah Carey

Jones isn't a model TV mom

While January Jones is getting ready to be a mother in real life, she isn't getting high marks as a TV mom.

Jared Gilmore, who played her son on the last season of Mad Men, told TV Guide magazine that his successor should "be careful around January. She's not as approachable as the others. She's really serious about what she does."

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▶ Sarah Jessica Parker

SJP's son eyes acting career

Sarah Jessica Parker admits that James Wilkie, her eight-year-old son with husband Matthew Broderick, is itching to get into the family business and become an actor.

"I don't want him to do it until after he goes to college," she tells Parade magazine.

"But part of me thinks maybe it's better if he knows the truth now about how hard it is to be a working actor.

"I don't know if he grasps what it took to get us here."

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Celebrity tweets

@joelmchale

"I found myself humming My Heart Will Go On today. What the hell happened to me?"

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"Totally forgot how good guitar hero is. Haven't played in years but I used to kill it on expert."

@zachbraff

"So much going on in the world. The 6 most popular stories on the Huffington Post are about Kim Kardashian. Color me confused."

@SetMacFarlane

"Disneyland may be the happiest place on earth, but it's also the most motorized wheelchariest place on earth."

Fox ditches Monroe's 'bad energy'

Megan Fox says she's removing the massive portrait of Marilyn Monroe tattooed on her forearm because it caused "negative energy," according to Hollyscoop.

"It's a negative character, as she suffered from personality disorders and was bipolar," Fox explains.

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SHE'S SO FINE

Even celebs have hair challenges – one of the most difficult problems when you have fine hair like Naomi is trying to give it long-lasting body, shine and hold. "One of the biggest styling problems facing women with fine hair is that style doesn't hold," says Danilo, Pantene Professional Stylist. That's because fine hair has up to 50 per cent less protein than thick hair, leaving it limp and weak.

"Women need to embrace their fine hair and find simple ways to create mass and volume that enables them to create trendy styles," Danilo says.

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Runway trends for the real world

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Don't be a fashion victim as you wade your way through the ever deepening pool of trends Refer to this breakdown of the best new ideas worth buying into for fall

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▶ Dolce & Gabbana

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▶ Louis Vuitton

TAILORING

SKINNY, SLOUCHY, BAGGY AND BOXY – THERE'S A CUT FOR EVERY TASTE

Dolce & Gabbana and Giorgio Armani among others beat the stuffiness out of tailoring with the zeal of teenage rioters. Every cut, twist and pattern was on show from '40s to noughties. The one downside of choice is that you can end up getting it very wrong. So think about your shape before you go all '70s Gucci on your look.

COLOUR

MIX UP THE MONOCHROME WITH A COLOUR POP

Just when you thought the catch phrase "colour pop" had lost its fizz, it returns in blinding technicolour. Jil Sander, Hermès and Burberry rolled with everything from lurid brights to retro oranges on styles from knitwear to outer-wear. Get it right, and a punch of colour can really ramp up the feistiness.

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SOUPED-UP CLASSICS

We're talking pimped out clothing here. Dries Van Noten gave classic jackets fur lapels and Louis Vuitton worked quilting into formal coats. Yes, it's ostentatious, but that gives your look a distinguished edge. The pitfalls come when you go over the top like the lads who go overkill on the alloys while revamping their car – it can look frightfully cheap.

FALL TRENDS FOR LESS

TAILORING
▶ Topman black textured skinny suit, $250, topman.com

COLOUR POP
▶ H&M chinos, $50, hm.com

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Men's pick

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From musical to la mode

Ashley Tisdale is singing in the key of style as the face of Wal-Mart Canada's latest fashion line

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She's a singer, song-writer, executive producer and actress, and now Ashley Tisdale, best known for her former role as the antagonist of Disney's High School Musical, has planted a firm foot in the fashion industry. Metro sat down with the busy 26-year-old to chat about her newest role as the face of this fall's Hollywood Era fashion collection for Wal-Mart Canada.

Why did you feel this collaboration would be a good fit for you? When I saw the clothing line and I was really excited. I think Hollywood Era definitely has a sense of my fashion style. I'm super excited that my fans will be able to wear stuff that

▶ Ashley Tisdale

relates to my fashion sense.

How would you describe the Hollywood Era line? I would call it chic, but I also think this is every-day wear. You can wear it to work, school or even if you just want to go out with your friends you can dress it up. You can really play around with all the items.

Seeing as though this collection is available at Wal-Mart Canada, tell us how you feel about your northern neighbours?

Hollywood Era Face Paint Top $16

I love Canadians! I just think that everybody is really nice. This is a funny story but I had lost my wallet in Vancouver. It had everything in it — license, credit cards, money. I was freaking out and two months later in the mail, at my house in L.A., my mom received my wallet with everything in there. That would not have happened in L.A., just so you know. That Balenciaga wallet would have been gone.

So you've now made a mark on the fashion industry. Are you planning on sticking around? Maybe. I've always loved fashion. I'll always be a part of the fashion world just because I've always loved clothes. I'm not sure about doing my own clothing line yet, maybe in the future. I have a production company, and so many things going on and I like to give 100 per cent to each thing so I think it would definitely be a big undertaking for me.

Is there a piece out of this collection that stands out as a favourite? I really like the shirt with the faces on it. I think it's really cute, very form-fitting, looks great with leggings, which I'm a big fan of.

What kind of girl is going to love this line? A girl that loves fashion … to dress up and likes to have fun with her clothes. All these items you can play around with and mix and match so just someone who likes to have fun with fashion.

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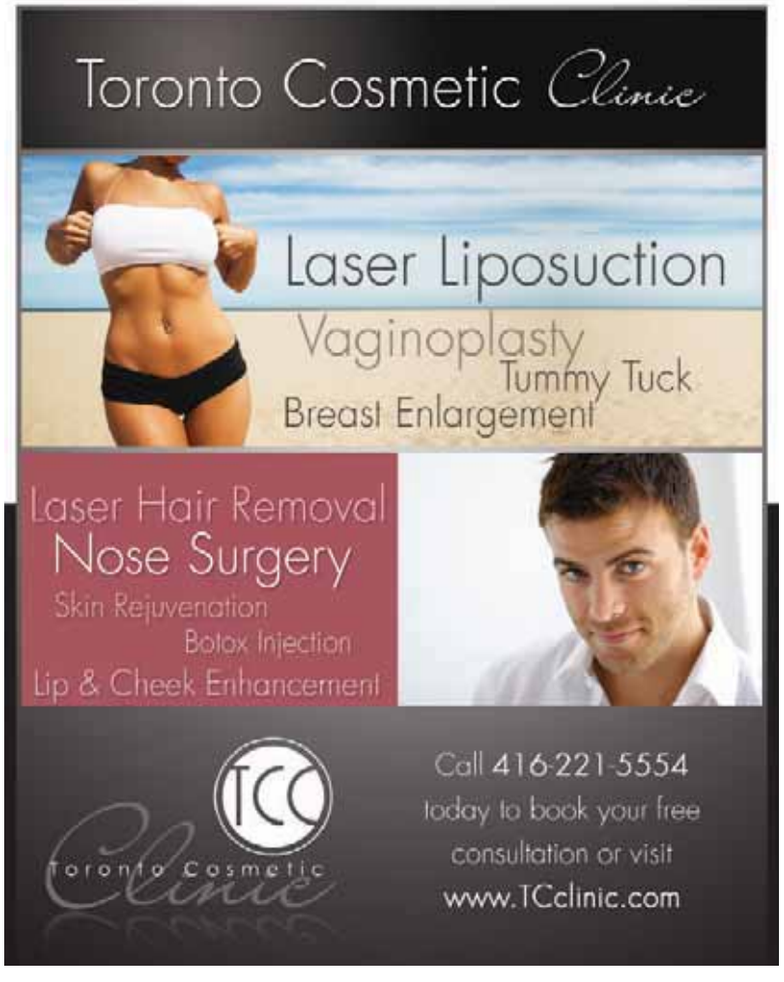

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BACK TO SCHOOL

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▶ Students from elementary school to the university and college set all have their eyes (and hands) on new technology when going back to school.

Cool means ... technology

Kids clamouring for e-readers with high functionality Tablet explosion hitting schools

What's on top of the school supply list this year? It isn't T-shirts and tennis shoes. It's the other T — for mobile tech.

Kids as young as elementary age are looking for smartphone upgrades, while the college set is sussing out the explosion in tablets, said Craig Johnson, president of the retail consulting and research firm Customer Growth Partners in New Canaan, Conn.

"The single most important thing is the acceleration of technology for back to school. Kids don't get excited about a new lunch box these days, or a new backpack. Cool means technology," he said.

That means e-readers with high functionality like highlighting, underlining, pagination and touchscreens.

The new Nook has a 15-centimetre (six-inch) touchscreen and crisp, clear print for reading in bright light, tech analyst Andrea Smith told reporters at a recent Consumer Electronics Association trade show. It also indicates how many pages to the end of a chapter and has received praise for long battery life.

Back-to-school tech also means tablets. Once hallowed Apple ground, iPad 2 competitors are everywhere this season. Apple is still the big kid, but Android technology is in pursuit. Some of the new tablets run Adobe Flash software, which Apple doesn't have.

▶ Apple's iPad, top, and the Toshiba Thrive.

In addition to the iPad 2, Smith suggests the 25-cm (10-inch) Toshiba Thrive for back to school. It runs on Android, has two USB ports and an SD card reader.

Tablets are cool, but are they practical for actual school work? That might have everything to do with the popularity of bluetooth-enabled keyboard add-ons, including the new one Smith and Morris like from Logitech with a case that easily turns into a tablet stand. Toshiba has a keyboard, too, also sold separately.

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Stuff that writes

Pilot's B2P pens (for bottle to pen) are made from recycled plastic bottles and designed to look like one. They are lightweight with gel ink.

Animal print pens and erasers are everywhere.

Post-it has been putting flags for tagging into the tops of pens and highlighters for a while now. There's a highlighter-pen combo in a three-pack with room for 50 colour-coordinated flags on a shirt clip.

Sharpie has gone gel for highlighters for a wider variety of paper, including ink jet, glossy and extra-thin surfaces. Twist the bottom to push up the gel.

Crayola has a box of dry-erase crayons that come with an eraser mitt.

STUFF FOR PAPERS

Eco-friendly notebooks, composition books and binders abound, if that's your kid's thing.

In the simple reuse category, Pottery Barn Teen sells full-zip, water-resistant fabric homework holders in a variety of tween-girl patterns, from peace signs to zebra stripes. There's a three-ring binder inside and a front zip flap for quick access.

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▶ A Post-it flag pen, top, and Pottery Barn's homework holder.

Accessories and shoes that make the grade

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
FOR METRO

Who doesn't love back to school shopping? But before heading out, make note of these hot trends to stock your closets with.

In colours and prints for fall, there are three things to remember, says Julianna Smith, a Toronto-based blogger for Yorkdale mall.

"Many summer trends are staying around, so bright colours like lime green, bright orange and cobalt blue are making their way into fall," says Smith.

Other hot must-haves include python and snakeskin-printed accessories and those hot, hot metallics such as gold and silver. These colours aren't just for teens, either — look for turquoise Knit Ribbon Ruffle dresses and Silver Sequin skirts at Old Navy for the younger set.

▶ Girls motorcycle boot from Old Navy, $32.94.

▶ Reebok's ZigTech shoes for children range in price from $59.99-$79.99.

While many of these colours and prints work in footwear, also consider style when you are out shopping.

"Such as a wedge or a thick chunky heel, which are also easier to walk in than a regular heel," says Smith. "For boots, the knee-high is back rather than last year's boots cut off at the ankle."

For children, Old Navy's Motorcycle Boots can incorporate the look and keep their legs covered during lunch time play.

Also for the younger-than-10-year set, laceless shoes continue to appear on store shelves in bright pinks, fuschias, greens and blues, and shoes that including breathable mesh to endure hard recess play (such as Reebok's new ZigTech line of children's running shoes).

Stock up on supplies

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Pencils, papers, teacher's looks … indeed it's that time of year when back-to-school supply shopping has hit.

So what's hot in the classroom this fall?

First, forget your plain old ballpoint pens — writing implements are now bendable, sparkly, smelly, stretchy and more. And to really express your personal style, everything from pens and pencils to lunch bags and backpacks are covered with eye-catching designs.

"We have Tony Hawk, the skateboarder, notebooks and other items designed with him in mind," says Steve Grebenc, a general manager for a west-end, Toronto-based Staples.

Lunch bags and laptop bags (such as the PKG line of bags) are also breaking out of their neutral style colours.

▶ A Rubbermaid FilterFresh Bottle, top, is available at Real Canadian Superstores and Loblaw Great Food Stores for $9.99. The Thermos Plaid Tote lunch bag, top right, is available at Wal-Mart for $16.99. Protect your laptops with PKG bags ($44.99-$49.99), available at Future Shop, Best Buy and other retailers.

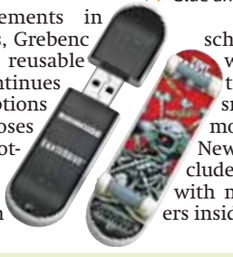
▶ Binders are a must-have for back-to-school supplies. Staples has Tony Hawk related items, including flash drives, below right.

"We have a few new lines with vibrant colours that appeal to the younger grades," says Grebenc.

Lunch bags also continue to move into lunch purses, such as Thermos' Fashion Lunch Tote bags. Don't like the bags you see? Pick up a Tattoo line of bags, which are black and white in design, but come with markers so your little Van Gogh can colour them himself or herself.

And thanks in part to Litterless Lunch movements in some schools, Grebenc notes the reusable trend continues with more options for Thermoses and water bottles.

Durability is key with school supplies, which makes Better Binders a smart pick. Need more in a binder? Newer options include handled binders with multiple file folders inside.



To-do list

- While must-have items for school can vary grade to grade (high school students need locks while elementary school students don't generally need them), here's a list to get you started.
- Check your local office supply store or school to see if they have supply recommendations.)
- Paper
- Pencils, pens/markers/pencil crayons
- Binders and duo tangs
- Calculator
- Erasers
- Lunch bag and water bottle
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Keep makeup light, natural

Want picture-perfect makeup and skin to head back to school this September? If so, think more Taylor Swift-style over Snooki.

"Keep your makeup light and natural," suggests Diane Sonnenberg, vice-president, brand and values for the Toronto-based The Body Shop Canada.

"Teens don't need to use foundation. Instead, use a concealer on blemishes only."

To continue your soft, natural look, lightly apply eye shadow and follow the critical makeup application rule: Blend, blend, blend. Then swipe on brown mascara and a natural-looking pencil liner over liquid.

And for your lips? A flavoured light gloss or balm rounds out your look, such as The Body Shop's new Natural Lip Roll On.

However, if it's Friday night and you are party-bound, a more dramatic look is in order, such as loud lipsticks — think dark purple or cherry lips or very bright orange lips, says Julianna Smith, a blogger for Toronto's Yorkdale Mall.

"The dark, smoky eyes are in, but if you are doing the dark lips go with a more natural look on your eyes," she says. "Metallic colours are also in, as are bright colours for the eyes if you do a natural lip colour."

To complete your look in a polish, nude-coloured nails are in, as are glittery, metallic nails.

"Nail polishes are huge now," she says. "They're an inexpensive way to add to your look."

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▶ Vitamin C Skin Boost from The Body Shop, left, Lush Tea Tree Water, top, and Tea Tree Skin Clearing Tone from The Body Shop.

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Shining stars

Prints, preppy looks, boho chic in style

Young musicians, actors like Bieber, Drake and Willow Smith continue to influence trends

The red carpet seems to be making its way to the classroom this fall, as looks reminiscent of styles worn by young stars are among the emerging trends in back-to-school fashion.

Winners fashion expert Sarah Smithers said while hoodies remain a staple for younger boys, sweaters and cardigans are key pieces for their older counterparts, evocative of styles sported by Canadian pop sensation Justin Bieber.

"While we can often see him out wearing a great hoodie, he's also not afraid to pull on a cardigan or a zip-up sweater, and I think that tween boys are starting to pick up on this as well," she said.

Fellow homegrown music star Drake has been known to wear collegiate styles of his own, like varsity jackets — not unlike the preppy looks on offer this upcoming season.

Smithers said for teen boys, they are seeing a bit more of a heritage or rustic look with knits and sweaters featuring shawl collars that channel collegiate cool. But guys can still add their own touches to personalize more casual yet conservative styles.

"Maybe they're going to wear a varsity jacket with maybe a letterman-style cardigan and really go over-the-top preppy varsity, but then they're going to add interesting accessories like a retro sneaker in a bright bold colour, maybe a belt, again in a bright bold neon hue," said Smithers.

Bowties in bright colours are other potential ways to update their outfits, she noted.

For the girls, singer Willow Smith of Whip My Hair fame is an example of how to mix different items and prints together in one ensemble, said Nancy Dennis, brand and trend director of children's wear for Sears Canada.

"She kind of epitomizes what I describe as the mash-up style," she said. "The colour is very bright, it's very electric, it's very happy."

Dennis said there is little in the way of subtlety or understatement when it comes to girls' wear this season, most notably with fashion tops featuring embellishments like sequins, scarves and vibrant prints.

Smithers says pink and purple remain wardrobe must-haves for girls, and prints are expanding beyond hearts and stars to include stripes, butterfly prints and peace signs.

A good rule of thumb in pairing patterns is to keep prints in similar hues, she noted.

"A grey stripe mixed with a grey-and-black floral or a butterfly print is going to keep the look looking cohesive."

Even footwear is going bold from ballet flats boasting animal prints, studding or Mary Jane-style detailing to what Dennis describes as the "must-have" for both genders: Converse-style sneakers, available in classic hues and more colourful patterns.

Smithers said flat, knee-high boots, faux shearling details on boots and wedge-heeled booties are also hot looks in girls' footwear.

Hoodies are getting a stylish stamp, too, with bold graphics from boom boxes to skull patterns dotting designs, said Dennis.

"What's driving bigger boys is anything to do with music, anything with rock 'n' roll or first-generation technology like ghetto blasters or tapes," she said. "That kind of iconography is really big on T-shirts."

For both boys and girls, Dennis said perennial pop culture faves such as Star Wars, Lego and Hello Kitty are among the hot properties in licensed tees.

The bright and bold mantra when it comes to colours isn't strictly the domain of girls. Smithers said plaids in particular are getting an update with the patterns steeped in orange, green and blue.

For girls who may be seeking to get groovy with their style, iconic bohemian-inspired pieces may be more up their alley. Smithers said boho chic is a key trend in both apparel and accessories for fall.

"A tunic or a poncho piece would be a great way to capture that trend, but then they're going to layer it over skinny jeans or flared denim," she said.

If you want to steer clear of an outfit resembling a Woodstock costume, pare back on the accessories, Smithers suggested.

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▶ A fuzzy-knit dress, top, from Sears Canada. Male students can choose the the varsity look, while the boho-inspired chic look is a key trend for females, and a collegiate cardigan, far right, all from Winners.

Keep your fashion bright, fun and whimsical

Some kids might look as if they are getting dressed in the dark: Crazy pattern combinations, clashing colours, and mismatched socks and shoes.

Perhaps, though, they are making enlightened fashion choices — choices that represent their personalities and budding senses of style, and encourage fun and even a wink to convention.

Eventually, children will start to notice trends, rules and peer pressure, but until then, experts say, let them wear their plaid on plaid, shocking pink with neon orange, and argyle with polka dots. And different coloured socks, of course.

They will look great doing it, if you don't hold them back or challenge their confidence. (This is not giving licence to youngsters for an inappropriate wardrobe, just a more creative one.)

Be the sporty girl who will wear a glittery top, floral denim jeans and canvas high-top sneakers, Hough says. "Our girl can pull off mixing so many patterns and stripes and pieces in a way that we might not be able to do as adults, and the main reason is, she doesn't care what we think."

"Everything looks good on children," agrees Cathy Carrington-Birch, Mini Boden's buying and merchandising director, who picks corduroy shorts paired with tights as a trend for girls this back-to-school season, and brushed tartan cargo pants for boys.

"As a result, they're confident enough to try combinations that adults would deem too daring. Once they reach a certain age, they have a very clear idea of what they like," Carrington-Birch says.

Moms often warm up to the crazy combinations once their eyes adjust, observes Lori Twomey, chief merchant of the membership flash-sale website Zulily. How can they resist their little prince or princess who is loving styles that are bright, fun and whimsical?

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▶ A Layered Jersey dress and a Rock Applique shirt, both from Mini Boden.

TOP 10 LIST

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FOUR SEASONS TO GTA NEW HOME MARKET

ROOFTOP SURFING

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Nothing says fall more than the CNE, so I guess we can start talking about the fall housing market, assuming we will be able to tell the difference from the hot summer market, which was itself a continuation of a very strong spring market.

There used to be the notion of a spring and fall new housing market in the GTA but over the last several years, the market has been active at any time depending upon when builders choose to release new low-rise communities or condo buildings.

As it happens this year, builders chose the summer to launch new projects resulting in a 36 per cent increase in new home sales in July, following a 54 per cent increase in June, according to RealNet Canada Inc.

In July, it was sales of new single-detached, semi-detached and townhomes in the 905 Regions that led the way, with sales up 64 per cent over the previous July.

The highrise market was also up by a very respectable 20 per cent compared with July 2010.

While the low-rise market was strong across the board (except for Durham Region), the highrise strength was concentrated in Toronto, as usual, but also in York Region, predominantly Markham, where highrise sales more than doubled, up 132 per cent over last July.

Whereas the regions have accounted for just 23 per cent of highrise sales so far this year, that percentage jumped to 42 per cent last month.

Based on my various sources, August sales, which will be reported around this time in September, will look a lot like June and July, confirming my view that we now have a four seasons housing market in the Greater Toronto Area.

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Paying for your new pad

- Metro's resident condo expert breaks down the different options for financing your new home
- Going through your bank vs. dealing with a mortgage broker
- And how first time buyers can improve their credit-worthiness

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When it comes to financing a home, you have the option of mortgaging through your bank or dealing with a mortgage broker.

The choice depends on your circumstances. You may feel comfortable with your bank and have all your finances under one roof.

Your personal banker can provide you with a full range of financial solutions and may tailor a mortgage solution for you that minimizes your borrowing costs.

The other avenue is to consult an independent mortgage consultant, or broker.

There are definite advantages to going with a broker for the first time buyer.

The mortgage broker negotiates directly with lenders on your behalf to obtain the best possible deal.

They may also have access to unique sources of financing not ordinarily available to you.

When choosing a mortgage broker, you should do your research and obtain recommendations from friends and family.

Find out what deals they offer and if any conditions apply.

And remember that each time your credit history is accessed, it may lower your credit score.

According to Jeffrey Schwartz, executive director of Consolidated Credit Counseling Services of Canada, "This is another great reason why you should work with a broker, because a broker will do a lot of this advance work for you, so that you don't have to pull a credit report for each and every inquiry that you make."

How can a first time buyer improve their credit-worthiness prior to shopping for a mortgage?

Do some financial housecleaning

Schwartz recommends that you get your financial house in order before you apply for financing.

"One of the ways you do that is to pull your own credit report to see what people are saying about you. Do your homework before, so that you know that when someone's looking at you for a mortgage, that you look as good as you possibly can. Dress yourself up."

Some people may turn to a mortgage broker if they are unable to obtain financing from their bank, and are, as Schwartz explains, "on the fringe of being qualified for a loan so, their credit report may not look as good, and as a result they may have to go through somebody as a secondary lender, maybe not the primary schedule 'A' banks."

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Watch your score

In addition to paying your bills on time, credit utilization has an effect on your credit score.

Borrowers should avoid having credit cards and lines maxed-out, then "The picture looks like they can really manage their credit. They're not using all that's available to them and they are using some of it and paying it on a regular basis." says Jeffrey Schwartz, executive director of Consolidated Credit Counseling Services of Canada.

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LEGAL MATTERS

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Q. I am in the process of purchasing my first property and my lawyer has been told by the title insurer that the property used to be a 'grow-op' and is on a list of homes that are so designated by the police.

They will not title insure the property unless my lawyer performs other searches to make sure the home has not continued to be used for that purpose.

My lawyer stated that the searches need to be done at a cost of a couple hundred dollars in order to obtain a title insurance policy.

She also indicated that if we didn't have title insurance, the mortgage funds would not be advanced and the whole process could unravel and I would be without my first home. What can I do?

A. Wow, you have found yourself in the middle of a big problem. Generally, when people hear a property used to be a 'grow-op', they run screaming in the other direction.

You would be surprised at the number of homes that are actually used for these purposes. The properties usually have a number of problems; with back taxes, bad maintenance and the worst: mould.

I assume in your case that mould is not a problem as you would, as a prudent first-time homebuyer, have had a home inspection that revealed no mould.

Regardless, once a property has that stigma attached to it, you have a big problem re-selling the property; even after many years. I wonder if you were told the former status of the property by the vendor?

Also, you have a positive obligation to reveal this problem to the company that is providing you with your financing.

All in all, not a nice situation for you as a first time homebuyer to find yourself confronted with.

At this point, it serves no purpose to not disclose this information to all parties as it will only lead to further complications for insurance, title and future sales.

You definitely need to consult with your lawyer on this matter!

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DIY flower workshop

Thanks to a handful of popular blogs, floral arranging has become a major trend among hip types in cities like New York and London One of the flower world's brightest new talents gives us a tutorial on how to do this at home

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"It's just cool to have a little bit of nature indoors. How lovely is it to open your eyes in the morning and the first thing you see is this beautiful flower beside your bed?" asks Kathleen Hyppolite, who runs the New York-based floral design company, Kat Flower.

We're talking about how trendy floral arranging has become among 20- and 30-somethings these past two years, a movement we jokingly call a "petal-ution."

It may sound slightly Martha Stewart in a middle-aged, full-time, stay-at-home mom kind of way.

But in actuality, the trend is being fuelled by fashion lovers, hipsters and arty types the world over who are tricking out their flats with carefully curated arrangements made with their own thorn-pricked hands. Basically, the kinds of people you'd imagine spending their mornings nursing a hangover after a swanky night out, rather than rolling out of bed to trek to a flower market.

"I think people have gotten into flowers because of the online shelter mags and flower blogs that have become so popular," Hyppolite says of sites such as her own own blog (katflower.blogspot.com), The Little Flower School (little-flower-school.blogspot.com), and Lotte and Bloom (lotteandbloom.blogspot.com.)

They've elevated the idea of flowers from being something that you buy on special occasions to an accessory that can personalize your space in as meaningful a way as a sofa or painting.

Hyppolite gives us a little workshop.

1

"As soon as you cut a flower from its natural source, the earth, it's on suicide watch. So you need to do a series of small steps to prolong its life. The most important is to make sure you use a clean vessel. This doesn't have to be a vase. It can be a tiny votive, an old spaghetti jar — anything that holds water."

2

"Remove any foliage on the stem that is below the water line in the vessel because the foliage can introduce bacteria into the water. You don't want to have leaves floating around in there. And be sure to cut the stem on an angle. This gives the stem the best possible chance to drink and flourish."

3

"If you can wear clothes, you can arrange flowers. Approach it in the same way. For example, you can do interesting things by mixing flowers of varying texture. A big bloom can look pretty with something more vine-y. This makes the flowers look more distinct. You can see the difference in texture between a flower like a dahlia and something like cockscomb."

4

"When it comes to the shape of the arrangement itself. I don't believe that there is necessarily a wrong way to do this. It's hard to mess it up. Just trust your instincts and be sure to place the flowers in the vessel at an angle in order to maximize the flower's potential to drink."

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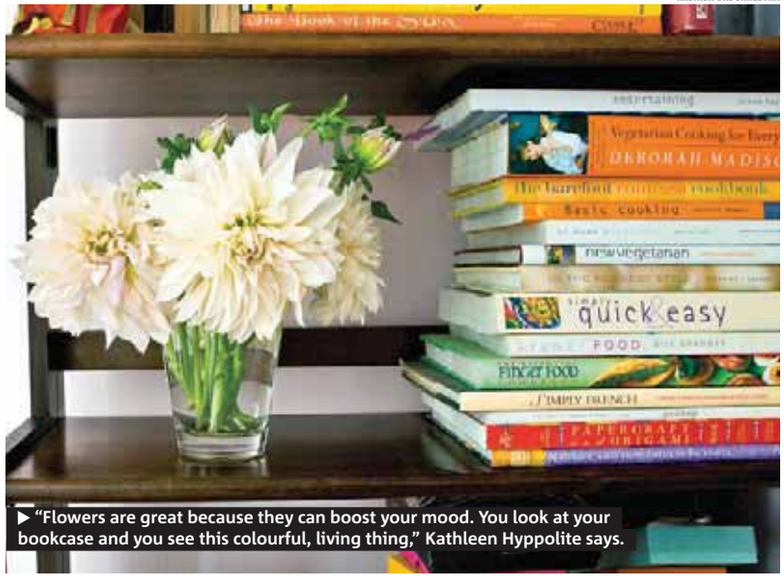

▶ "Flowers are great because they can boost your mood. You look at your bookcase and you see this colourful, living thing," Kathleen Hyppolite says.

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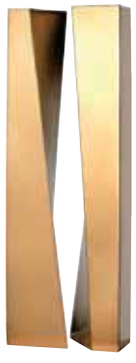

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There's good news about the fall 2011 trends — they are easy to incorporate into your existing decor and don't have to cost the moon.

Warm grey tones help to cool down all the golden taupe colours while trendy brights add new life to colourless spaces.

Here's a rundown of this season's most important decor trends to bring home.

Want a deal?

I am thrilled to have curated today's collection of trend-inspired home products with HomeSav, the members-only online shopping club.

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New neutrals: You may have already heard that grey is on the A-list with decorators and designers as a new neutral colour.

We've seen the popularity of grey in the fashion world for sometime so it's natural that it would make its way into the home.

Adding grey to your existing colour scheme will help cool down the overall look of a room, which is key this season for the neutrals.

All versions of grey (and all tones from light to dark) are trendy.

I stay away from the steel-blue grey tones as they remind me too much of the greys that were popular in the 1980s.

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▶ A classic styled sofa in modern grey fabric.

The new grey is warmer — think flannel grey suiting, putty or smoke as ways to describe this new neutral.

It's a grey tone that's easy to live with and welcome as a long-term friend.

Found treasures: Mixing found-looking objects into a space is often the best way to add personality to a room.

If your usual style is modern, try adding a traditional rug, pillow, piece of art or a corner chair to break up the modern feel and create an unexpected surprise.

My preferred pieces would be: hand-blown glassware, upholstered furniture that is button-tufted or anything with letters or numbers motifs. Old subway signs and French linen laundry bags turned into pillows are other ideas.

No need to scour the flea markets — these looks can be seen in trendy home decor stores for fall.

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▶ Vintage acrylic furniture is back in style. Side chairs are great for dining, in a foyer or in a bedroom corner.

Pop of colour: For the past 10 years, popular decor colours have taken from the muted shades like wedgewood blue, sage green and cranberry.

The perfect complement to all the new grey neutral tones are a few shocking 'wake me up' colours.

My favourite one is citron yellow. Wherever you may have used green or gallery white you can use yellow.

Another great choice is mulberry — a purple tone with a touch of pink and a splash of blue in it.

It looks great with espresso brown wood furniture and deep grey painted walls.

A colour like citron will wake up a contemporary room while mullberry helps soothe a traditional space and take away from the masculinity of grey.

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▶ Pops of colour are easy with accessories like pillows and throws.

Mix and match: The overall look this fall is one of collection — mixing and matching styles together while using colour as a common denominator.

A square 1960s inspired side table beside a traditional sofa with a modern painting hung above — it's all about getting a mix of styles to give a room personality.

When I find an interesting lamp, chair or table it must have one criteria; "does this look like it has history or story to it?"

Another trend to consider is mixing textures. The slub of linen on a sofa, the plush of velvet on an ottoman or the smoothness of silk woven into a rug or on a pillow are great ways shake up a room and appeal to both your sight and touch.

A designer friend once gave me a great rule for mixing alternate styles: 70 per cent of your furnishings and accessories should be of your favourite style and the remaining 30 percent should be different.

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▶ Go for grey with pops of yellow and mulberry.

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Tupperware
parties don't get old

No more signature burp, but Tupperware lives on in edgy purples, crisp greens

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▶ Tupperware today is functional, fun and fashionable, but it isn't cheap.

Cindy Hallman-Morris grew up with Tupperware's burping bowls, gelatin rings and pickle keeper, but she considered herself a casual buyer of the brand once she had her own kids.

Tupperware, it seems, is enjoying a renaissance 65 years after it first hit the market with Wonder bowls, Bell Tumblers and Ice-Tup moulds for homemade frozen treats.

Long gone is the signature burp, that whoosh of air from pressing on the centre of a lid to tightly seal in the goodness.

Also gone is the colour goldenrod, fussy floral accents and the soft pastels of the 1950s and '60s.

Today's Tupperware is drenched in edgy shades of "purplicious" and "fuchsia kiss," or crisp in greens dubbed "margarita" and "lettuce leaf."

You can buy contemporary takes on Wonderlier bowls and those little salt and pepper shakers, but Tupperware Brands Corp. also sells an appetizer tray

"It *is* quite pricey, but it lasts forever. It really does."
CINDY HALLMAN-MORRIS

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▶ Kevin Farrell dressed as Dee W. Ieye sells Tupperware products during a Tupperware party in Bellflower, Calif.

that looks like a caterpillar, fancy chef's knives, bakeware, and heavy stainless-steel pots and pans.

The Orlando, Fla.-based company has acquired a sense of humour with a set called Thatsa Bowl and Thatsa Mega Bowl, but left the Jel-Ring Mold pretty much alone, while aggressively modernizing, diversifying and pursuing emerging markets around the globe.

A few years ago, the company boasted that a Tupperware party was held somewhere in the world every 2.3 seconds.

Now it's 1.7 seconds, driven by a direct sales force of 2.6 million — still mostly women — in nearly 100 markets, said Rick Goings, the chairman and chief executive who arrived 20 years ago from Avon.

"I got here and found out the company was in trouble," Goings said. "The headquarters was for sale. They had just written off $100 million. Everybody loved it, but they loved it in a historical sense, like the Model T."

$2.3B Worldwide Tupperware sales last year totalled $2.3 billion, including beauty and personal care products.

The company has since had more than seven straight quarters of positive sales growth and expanding earnings, due largely to markets outside the United States, but nothing quite so explosive as the early decades. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Fun in 1951: Brownie Wise, a divorced mom from Detroit, tosses a bowl filled with water at a Tupperware party.

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▶ Kevin Farrell stacks some of his Tupperware products while preparing for a Tupperware party in Bellflower, Calif.

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Certified landscape technician Ahmed Hassan hosts Turf Wars, a show that pits neighbours against each other to win $10,000 and the title of best yard on the block.

Hassan offers a few tips to help you get started using solar lighting.

Benefits of solar

Solar lights require no electrical source and can operate up to 15 hours before recharging.

Many brands conveniently have the solar panel, light and battery in one unit.

If you have a shady property, there are models available that are powered by a remote solar panel that can be placed in a sunny location while the lights in the shade still operate effectively.

Create a plan

Use graph paper to plot out your property and decide where you'd like to place your lights.

Select a focal point like a large tree, walkway or the main entrance and work from there.

You want to use the lights to highlight the best parts of your yard.

Keep in mind that fewer lights have more impact.

Install

Use a combination of tier lights and floodlights. Tier lights focus the light downwards, so they are useful for walkways or steps.

When using tier lights, alternate their placement on either side of the pathway. If you place them opposite each other you will see a runway pattern start to emerge.

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Advice for buying a house

It's the biggest purchase you're ever likely to make We asked two successful realtors for some tips so you don't end up with buyer's remorse

Urban Suburban features brother and sister real estate experts Philip DuMoulin and Sarah Daniels who face off in each episode to find one family their dream home.

Philip takes on the city, while Sarah goes through the suburbs, and the family has to eventually choose which home is for them.

This show has been filmed throughout major cities in Canada, and really gets to the crux of a major Canadian home-buying dilemma.

We asked each realtor: What's your biggest piece of advice for a buyer before they decide on a house?

Pro-city

Philip DuMoulin
Consider the return on investment and find a property that has the potential to increase in value.

Create a list of "must-haves" before looking at any homes and stick to them.

See enough houses to be sure you're happy with your choice — this also means being open to seeing something outside of your specifications.

HANDOUT

▶ Sibling showdown: Two realtors compete to make the sale on Urban Suburban.

Pro-suburb

Sarah Daniels
Look for a home with great "bones" — a good layout, nice sized rooms, and can be updated cosmetically without a lot of structural changes.

Location is key. Buy where you can see yourself down the line.

Don't be swayed by fancy furniture and staging.

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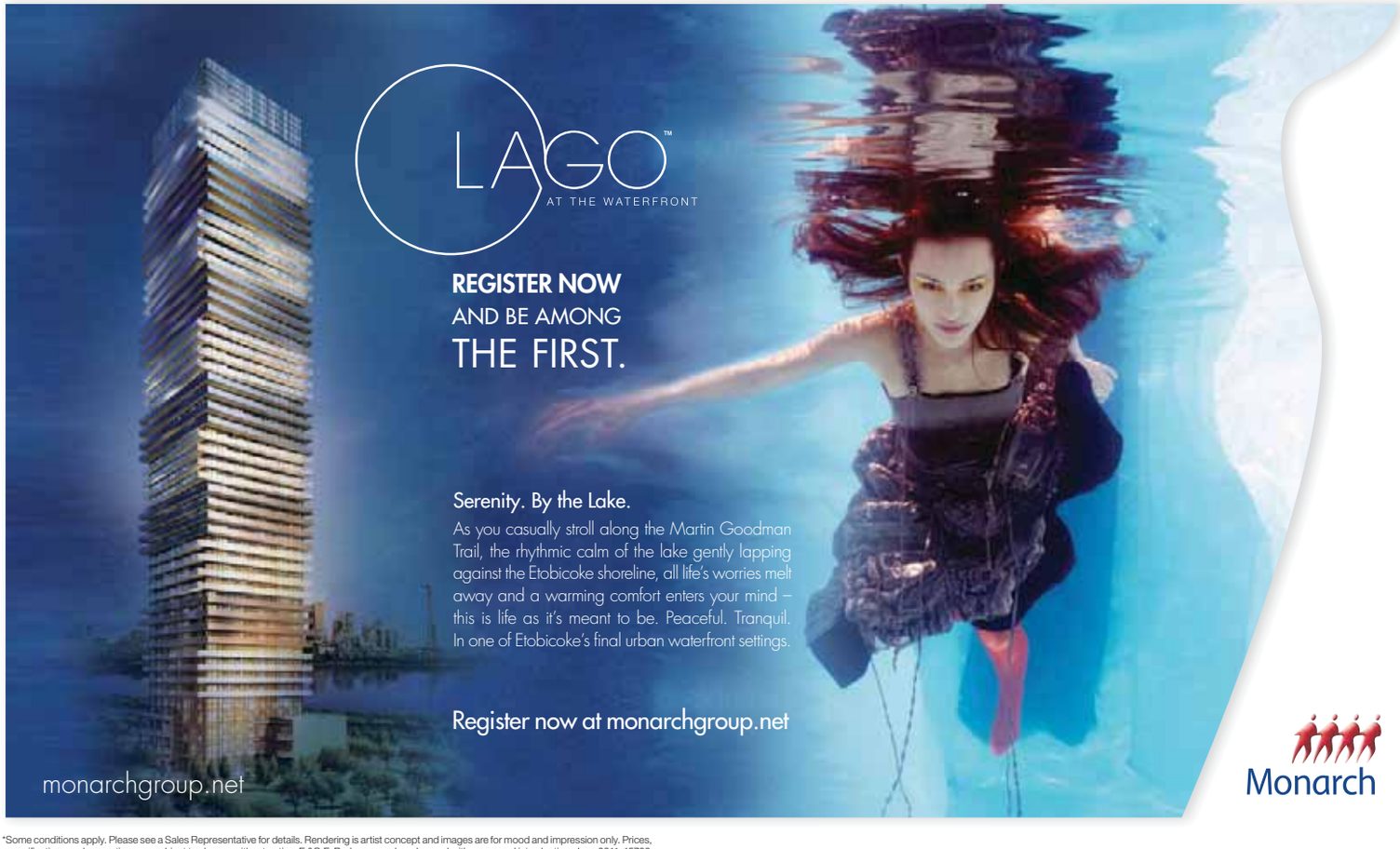
Just like a pool, it is traditionally drained onto the grass or street.

Any natural cleaner like vinegar or commercial chemical will do harm to your septic system in large quantity. Therefore, it is not recommended.

With the information given, I would suggest cleaning the jacuzzi but not draining it into the septic system. **GOT A QUESTION? EMAIL ASKCHARLESTHEBUTLER@METRONEWS.CA**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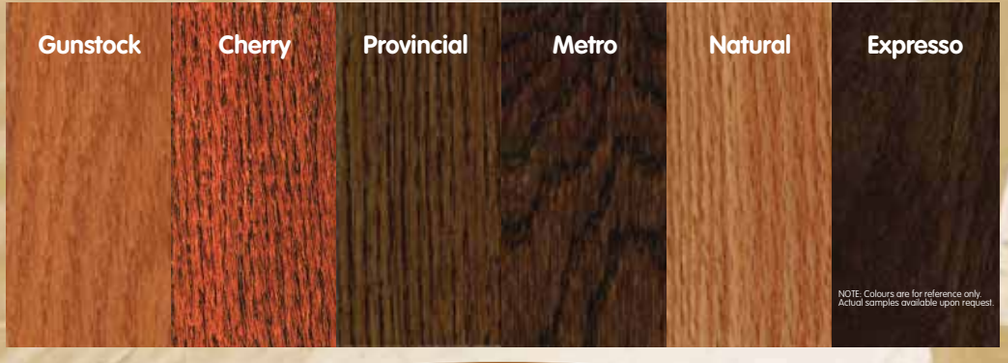

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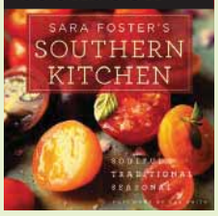

Sara Foster's love for Southern fare began in her grandma's kitchen. Now, the author offers nearly 200 contemporary interpretations of classic dishes in her book Sara Foster's Southern Kitchen: Soulful, Traditional, Seasonal (Random House, 2011).

The book is divided into sections that include Hearty Breakfasts, Birds, Grits and Rice, and more. It includes recipes for Shrimp Jambalaya, Roasted Tomato Grits with Country Ham and Cracklings, and Molasses-Bourbon Pecan Pie, among others.

Southern Comfort

Want guilt-free ribs? It's possible with a few simple alterations

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Eat enough ribs, and you won't be able to see your own. The calories on a typical plate of barbecue ribs can surge to more than 900 calories. To combat the fat, these are made in the oven with baby back ribs, which are the leanest cut of pork ribs as they come from the back, not belly.

Ingredients:

- 1 rack baby back ribs (12 ribs), about 1 kg (2 lb) total, trimmed of all visible fat, cut into 4 equal pieces
- Salt and black pepper
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sweet and smoky rub
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) liquid smoke
- 250 ml (1 cup) reduced-sugar ketchup
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) balsamic vinegar
- 1 large Spanish onion, chopped
- 12 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 stalks rosemary

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 220 C (425 F). Set a 60-cm (24-inch) sheet of heavy foil on a rimmed baking sheet.
2. Season ribs generously with salt and pepper.
3. In bowl combine sweet and smoky rub, liquid smoke, ketchup, balsamic vinegar, onion and garlic. Add ribs to bowl and toss to coat. Transfer ribs and marinade to foil, then top it with rosemary stalks. Place another sheet of foil over meat. Fold edges of bottom sheet of foil and crimp together with top sheet to make package.
4. Place in oven and bake 30 mins. Reduce heat to 140 C (275 F) and bake until tender, about 45 mins. Spoon some sauce from foil packet over ribs to serve. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ROCCO DISPIRITO**

Lawrie for the win

Canadian rookie's solo homer in seventh inning lifts Blue Jays over Royals

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BLUE JAYS	ROYALS

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▶ Yunel Escobar leaps over Kansas City's Mike Moustakas to turn a double play last night.

Brett Lawrie's solo homer off Louis Coleman to lead off the bottom of the seventh inning was the difference as the Toronto Blue Jays picked up a 4-3 win last night over the visiting Kansas City Royals.

Lawrie's drive came off Louis Coleman, who had just come on in relief of starter Luke Hochevar. It was the fourth of the year for the native of Langley, B.C., and went along with an RBI triple in the fourth inning.

Jose Bautista also went deep for the Jays (66-63) with his Major League-leading 37th homer of the season in the fourth.

Hochevar had, for the most part, kept the Jays' bats quiet. The Kansas City (53-77) starter gave up three runs, all of them in the fourth on only four hits in his six innings of work.

Ricky Romero didn't get off to the best of starts on the mound for the Jays. The club's ace hit Royals left-fielder Alex Gordon with his first pitch of the game. Gordon later came around to score on designated hitter Billy Butler's double two batters later.

After a lead-off walk, Gordon crossed the plate in the third on a Butler single.

Heading into the fourth, Hochevar had retired nine of the first 10 hitters he faced and had been working on a no-hitter.

Trailing 2-0 in the fourth, Bautista tied things with one swing of the bat. The right-fielder hit a towering home run to left field with none out. His shot went off the facade above the second deck at Rogers Centre. That drove in Yunel Escobar who was on base after being hit by a pitch to lead off the inning.

Later in the inning, Lawrie came up with two outs and Edwin Encarnacion on first base. After fouling a few pitches off from Hochevar, the Canadian hit a hard line drive to gap in left-centre field. The triple drove in Encarnacion and gave Toronto the lead.

The Royals bounced back in the top of the fifth inning. Gordon scored for the third time of the night but drove himself in by taking Romero deep to right field for home run number 17 on the season.

Jesse Litsch (5-3), who came onto pitch in relief of Romero in the seventh, picked up the win for Toronto. Frank Francisco picked up his 11th save of the season after coming on to start the ninth inning after Casey Janssen's scoreless eighth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Quoted

"Hopefully, Peyton will be back, but if he's not maybe I can be one of the guys that can help this ball club."

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Skinner ready for the spotlight

Last year's rookie of the year returns for second season with a much higher profile Canes GM praises 19-year-old's 'mental toughness'

What can Jeff Skinner do for an encore?

In one form or another that question will be asked again and again as the NHL's reigning rookie of the year settles into his second season with the Carolina Hurricanes.

Skinner exceeded all expectations a year ago by topping 30 goals and established a new standard to live up to in the process. However, those who know the 19-year-old believe he's more than capable of handling the added attention and pressure.

"This is a young man that has a special mental toughness and approach to the game and I don't see that being an issue," Carolina general manager Jim Rutherford said yesterday.

"He's a guy that I least worry about in the way he prepares himself — I've learned that real quickly in the short year I've known him and we've had him," added Rutherford. "I look forward to him getting here for camp and look forward to him carrying on his good season from last year."

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In the last decade, only Jeff Skinner and Sidney Crosby have scored 30 goals as an 18 year old.

It's often easier said than done. Buffalo Sabres defenceman Tyler Myers and Columbus Blue Jackets goalie Steve Mason, the two Calder Trophy winners before Skinner, each struggled as sophomores.

The Hurricanes are toying with the idea of giving Skinner more responsibility this season. His transition to the NHL was made a little easier with a move from centre to the wing and there's been much internal debate about what position — and what line —best suits him.

"There's so many different conversations and so many different options," said Rutherford. "I would suspect at some point that Jeff Skinner and Eric Staal are going to play together — so they both can't play centre and they can both play the wing."

Even after Carolina fell just short of the playoffs in April, Skinner kept busy. He represented Canada at the IIHF World Hockey Championship in Slovakia and quickly jumped into workouts under Gary Roberts after returning to North America.

This week he is among 20 NHLers participating in the BioSteel hockey camp as a final tuneup before training camp begins.

"With the way our season ended last year, it's not hard to get motivated," Skinner said after a yoga session yesterday morning.

Motivation has rarely been an issue for the soft-spoken teenager, whom Roberts says was the leanest player to work under him last summer.

Skinner picked right up where he left off after scoring 31 goals and putting up 63 points in his rookie season.

"This kid is a wonderful, wonderful young man who does his work every day," said Roberts. "He just quietly goes about his business. He hides in the corner of the gym, kind of sneaks in and does his sets and sneaks back out."

With the start of his second training camp fast approaching, Skinner acknowledges that there will be some added pressure this year.

However, he expects it to be offset by the experience he's gained over the last 12 months.

"Thinking back to last summer and all the things that you have going on, you're getting to camp not sure where you're going to be," said Skinner. "You're living in a hotel and you're just trying to make the team. This time it's going to be fun going into camp knowing the expectations sort of put on me.

"Hopefully I rise to the challenge."

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▶ Jeff Skinner poses for a portrait during last year's all-star festivities.

TFC. Blame it on the rain

▶ Toronto FC's Julian De Guzman tumbles over FC Dallas's Ricardo Villar last night.

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It was a dark and stormy night ...

Weather played havoc with Toronto FC's CONCACAF Champions League game with FC Dallas last night.
The game was halted for some 40 minutes in the first half due to the threat of lightning and other bad weather. At 10 p.m., the PA announcer asked what few fans were left to evacuate the stadium and take shelter elsewhere.
A Toronto FC official said there would be a one-hour delay but it wasn't clear when or if the game would resume. Dallas was leading 1-0. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Arsenal qualifies

Arsenal swept aside its poor domestic start and beat Udinese 2-1 yesterday to qualify for the Champions League group phase for the 14th consecutive season.

After Antonio Di Natale had put Udinese in front in the 39th minute at the Friuli stadium, Arsenal replied with goals from new captain Robin van Persie in the 55th and Theo Walcott in the 69th.

Arsenal goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny saved a penalty shot from Di Natale in the 59th and Arsenal advanced on 3-1 aggregate, with Walcott having scored early in a 1-0 win in the opening leg last week.

Lyon and Benfica also advanced, joining BATE Borisov of Belarus and Czech side Viktoria Plzen in today's draw for the lucrative group stage. They will be pooled with the likes of Barcelona, Real Madrid, Manchester United, Chelsea and Europe's other elite clubs.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	78	50	.609	—
New York	77	50	.606	½
Tampa Bay	70	58	.547	8
Toronto	66	63	.512	12½
Baltimore	49	77	.389	28

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	70	59	.543	—
Chicago	63	64	.496	6
Cleveland	63	64	.496	6
Minnesota	55	73	.430	14½
Kansas City	53	77	.408	17½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	74	56	.569	—
Los Angeles	70	59	.543	3½
Oakland	59	70	.457	14½
Seattle	56	73	.434	17½

Yesterday's results
Seattle 9 Cleveland 2
Boston at Texas
Oakland 6 N.Y. Yankees 4 (10 inn.)
Toronto 4 Kansas City 37
Tampa Bay 3 Detroit 2 (10 inn.)
Baltimore at Minnesota
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels
Tuesday's results
Cleveland 7 Seattle 5 (1st game)
Oakland 6 N.Y. Yankees 5
Seattle 12 Cleveland 7 (2nd game)
Kansas City 6 Toronto 4
Detroit 2 Tampa Bay 1
Boston 11 Texas 5
Baltimore 8 Minnesota 1
L.A. Angels 5 Chicago White Sox 4
Today's games
Oakland (Harden 4-2) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 4-4), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Jo-.Reyes 6-10) at Minnesota (Liriano 9-9), 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (Fister 5-13) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 11-8), 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Francis 4-14) at Toronto (Cecil 4-6), 7:07 p.m.
Boston (A.Miller 5-1) at Texas (Ogando 12-5), 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	83	45	.648	—
Atlanta	78	52	.600	6
Washington	62	66	.484	21
New York	61	68	.473	22½
Florida	58	71	.450	25½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	78	54	.591	—
St. Louis	67	63	.515	10
Cincinnati	63	66	.488	13½
Pittsburgh	61	68	.473	15½
Chicago	56	73	.434	20½
Houston	42	88	.323	35

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	71	59	.546	—
San Francisco	68	61	.527	2½
Colorado	63	68	.481	8½
Los Angeles	60	69	.465	10½
San Diego	60	70	.462	11

Yesterday's results
Pittsburgh 2 Milwaukee 0
N.Y. Mets 7 Philadelphia 4
L.A. Dodgers 9 St. Louis 4
Colorado 7 Houston 6 (10 inn.)
Florida 6 Cincinnati 5 (Game 1)
Cincinnati 3 Florida 2 (Game 2)
Arizona 4 Washington 2
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs
San Diego at San Francisco
Tuesday's results
Arizona 2 Washington 0
Milwaukee 11 Pittsburgh 4
Philadelphia 9 N.Y. Mets 4
Cincinnati 8 Florida 6
Atlanta 5 Chicago Cubs 4
L.A. Dodgers 13 St. Louis 2
Colorado 8 Houston 6
San Diego 7 San Francisco 5
Today's games
Atlanta (Beachy 6-2) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 6-9), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Miley 0-1) at Washington (Lannan 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Florida, ppd., rain
Pittsburgh (Morton 9-6) at St. Louis (E.Jackson 2-2), 8:15 p.m.
Houston (Sosa 0-2) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 10-3), 10:15 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 4, ROYALS 3

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
AGordn lf	2	3	1	1
MeCarr cf	4	0	0	0
Butler dh	5	0	3	2
Hosmer 1b	5	0	1	0
Francr rf	5	0	1	0
Giavtll 2b	4	0	0	0
S.Perez c	3	0	1	0
Mostks 3b	3	0	2	0
AEscor ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**3**	**9**	**3**

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
McCoy 2b	4	0	0	0
YEscor ss	3	1	1	0
Bautist rf	4	1	1	2
Lind 1b	4	0	0	0
Encrnc dh	4	1	1	0
EThms lf	3	0	0	0
Lawrie 3b	3	1	2	2
Arencii c	2	0	0	0
Mstrnn cf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**29**	**4**	**5**	**4**

Kansas City	101	010	000	3
Toronto	000	300	10x	4

E—Moustakas 2 (6). DP—Kansas City 1, Toronto 2. LOB—Kansas City 11, Toronto 4. 2B—Butler 2 (32). 3B—Lawrie (2). HR—A.Gordon (17), Bautista (37), Lawrie (4). SB—A.Gordon (14), Me.Cabrera (17). S—Mastroianni.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hochevar	6	4	3	3	1	5
L.Coleman L,1-3	1	1	1	1	0	0
Bl.Wood	1	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
R.Romero	6	8	3	3	4	3
Litsch W,5-3	1	1	0	0	0	1
Janssen H,5	1	0	0	0	1	1
F.Francisco S,11-15	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP—by Hochevar (Y.Escobar), by R.Romero (A.Gordon). WP—R.Romero.
T—2:46. A—18,292 (49,260) at Toronto.

CFL

WEEK NINE

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Winnipeg	7	6	1	0	182	130	12
Montreal	7	5	2	0	222	156	10
Hamilton	7	4	3	0	189	176	8
Toronto	8	2	6	0	184	233	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Calgary	7	5	2	0	194	172	10
Edmonton	8	5	3	0	174	190	10
B.C.	8	2	6	0	203	203	4
Saskatchewan	8	1	7	0	165	253	2

Byes: B.C., Edmonton, Saskatchewan, Toronto
Tomorrow's game
Hamilton at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
Montreal at Calgary, 4 p.m.

LACROSSE

MINTO CUP

CANADIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Okotoks, Alta.
Last night's result
Semifinal
Whitby vs. Okotoks
Tuesday's results
Coquitlam 12 Okotoks 1
Whitby 19 Edmonton 3

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PLAYOFFS

At Annapolis, Md.
Saturday's games
Semifinals
Boston vs. Chesapeake, 12 p.m.
Denver vs. Hamilton, 3 p.m.

CYCLING

VUELTA A ESPANA

At Valdepenas De Jaen, Spain
Fifth Stage
1. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Team Katusha, 4 hours, 42 minutes, 54 seconds; 2. Wouter Poels, Netherlands, Vacansoleil-DCM, 4 seconds behind; 3. Daniel Moreno, Spain, Team Katusha, 0:05; 4. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Rabobank, 0:07; 5. Michele Scarponi, Italy, Lampre-ISD, 0:08
Overall Standings
(After 5 of 21 stages)
1. Sylvain Chavanel, France, QuickStep, 18 hours, 2 minutes, 34 seconds; 2. Daniel Moreno, Spain, Team Katusha, 9 seconds behind; 3. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Team Katusha, 0:23; 4. Jakob Fuglsang, Denmark, Leopard Trek, 0:26; 5. Vicenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas-Cannondale, 0:33; 6. Fredrik Kessiakoff, Sweden, Astana, 0:36; 7. Maxime Monfort, Belgium, Leopard Trek, 0:38; 8. Sergio Pardilla, Spain, Movistar, 0:43; 9. Jurgen Van den Broeck, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, 0:44; 10. Marzio Bruseghin, Italy, Movistar, 0:52.

USA PRO CYCLING CHALLENGE

At Aspen, Colo.
Second Stage
1. George Hincapie (BMC), U.S., 5 hours, 26 minutes, 10 seconds; 2. Tejay Van Garderen (HTC-Highroad) U.S., same time; 3. Thomas Danielson (Garmin-Cervelo), U.S., s.t.
Overall Standings
1. Tejay Van Garderen (HTC-Highroad), U.S., 10 hours, 4 minutes, 8 seconds. 2. George Hincapie (BMC), U.S., 16 seconds behind. 3. Thomas Danielson (Garmin-Cervelo), U.S., 22 behind. 4. Levi Leipheimer (RadioShack), U.S., 34. 5. Christian Vande Velde (Garmin-Cervelo), U.S., 45.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Columbus	25	11	7	7	29	24	40
Kansas City	25	9	7	9	36	31	36
Houston	26	8	7	11	34	32	35
Philadelphia	24	8	6	10	30	24	34
New York	26	6	6	14	41	37	32
D.C. United	24	7	7	10	34	35	31
Chicago	25	3	7	15	28	33	24
New England	26	4	11	11	26	39	23
Toronto	27	4	12	11	25	48	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	26	14	3	9	37	20	51
Seattle	26	12	5	9	36	27	45
Dallas	26	12	7	7	33	27	43
Colorado	27	10	6	11	39	34	41
Real Salt Lake	23	10	7	6	32	20	36
Chivas USA	25	7	8	10	32	28	31
Portland	25	8	12	5	32	41	29
San Jose	25	5	10	10	26	34	25
Vancouver	25	3	13	9	26	42	18

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Last night's result
Chivas USA at Portland
Saturday's games
Columbus at Seattle, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Portland at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Qualifying Playoffs
Second Leg
(Home teams listed first)
Benfica (Portugal) 3 Twente (Netherlands) 1
(Benfica advanced 5-3 on aggregate0
Rubin Kazan (Russia) 1 Lyon (France) 1
(Lyon advanced 4-2 on aggregate)
Sturm Graz (Austria) 0 BATE Borisov (Belarus) 2
(BATE advanced 3-1 on aggregate)
Udinese (Italy) 1 Arsenal (England) 2
(Arsenal advanced 3-1 on aggregate)
Viktoria Plzen (Czech Republic) 2 Copenhagen (Denmark) 1
(Plzen advanced 5-2 on aggregate0

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP

First Round
Yesterday's results
Bristol City 0 Swindon 1
West Ham 1 Aldershot 2
Second Round
Blackburn 3 Sheffield Wednesday 1
Bolton 2 Macclesfield 1
Everton 3 Sheffield United 1
Exeter 1 Liverpool 3
Peterborough 0 Middlesbrough 2

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Second Round
Comunicaciones (Guatemala) 2 Herediano (Costa Rica) 0
Santos Laguna (Mexico) at Isidro Metapan (El Salvador)
FC Dallas (U.S.) at Toronto FC (Canada)

TENNIS

WTA NEW HAVEN OPEN

At New Haven, Conn.
Singles
Second Round
Marion Bartoli (4), France, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1.
Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 6-2, 7-5 (5).
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (8), Russia, def. Roberta Vinci, Italy, 6-2, 6-4.
Doubles
First Round
Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (1), Slovenia, def. Maria Kondratieva, Russia, and Sophie Lefevre, France, 6-3, 6-1.
Quarter-finals
Chuang Chia-jung, Taiwan, and Olga Govortsova (3), Belarus, def. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, and Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, 4-6, 6-0, 10-7 tiebreak.

ATP WINSTON-SALEM OPEN

At Winston-Salem, N.C.
Singles
Third Round
Sergiy Stakhovsky (9), Ukraine, def. Nikolay Davydenko (5), Russia, 6-4, 6-4.
Julien Benneteau, France, def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (5).
Alexandr Dolgopolov (3), Ukraine, def. Grigor Dimitrov (14), Bulgaria, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (7).
Robin Haase (10), Netherlands, def. Pierre-Ludovic Duclos, Sainte Foy, Que., 6-4, 7-5.
John Isner (4), U.S., def. Jarkko Nieminen (13), Finland, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Marcos Baghdatis (8), Cyprus, def. Steve Darcis, Belgium, 7-5, 6-0.
Doubles
First Round
Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram, Israel, def. Mahesh Bhupathi, India, and Mark Knowles (3), Bahamas, 6-4, 6-3.
Quarter-finals
Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Jamie Murray, Britain, def. Lukas Dlouhy, Czech Republic, and Horia Tecau, Romania, 7-5, 3-6, 10-8 tiebreak.
Christopher Kas, Germany, and Alexander Peya (4), Austria, def. Michael Russell and Donald Young, U.S., 6-2, 6-1.

U.S. OPEN QUALIFYING

At New York
Singles
Men
First Round
Vasek Pospisil (20), Vernon, B.C., def. Chris Guccione, Australia, 7-6 (4), 7-5.
Women
First Round
Laura Robson, Britain, def. **Heidi El Tabakh, Toronto**, 6-1, 6-3.
Aleksandra Wozniak (18), Blainville, Que., def. Maria Joao Koehler, Portugal, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

NFL

PRE-SEASON

Tonight's games
Carolina at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Baltimore, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Recalled INF Cord Phelps from Columbus (IL). Optioned RHP Zach McAllister to Columbus.
TEXAS RANGERS—Recalled RHP Darren O'Day from Round Rock (PCL). Optioned C Taylor Teagarden to Round Rock.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Recalled OF Darin Mastroianni from Las Vegas (PCL).
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Designated INF Cody Ransom for assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Selected the contract of 3B Kevin Kouzmanoff from Colorado Springs (PCL). Optioned INF Chris Nelson to Colorado Springs. Designated INF Ryan Rohlinger for assignment.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Recalled OF Logan Morrison from New Orleans (PCL).
HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed LHP Sergio Escalona on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Juan Abreu from Oklahoma City (PCL).
NEW YORK METS—Placed RHP Jonathon Niese on the 15-day DL. Called up C Mike Nickeas from Buffalo (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Placed LHP Ryan Ludwick on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of LHP Aaron Thompson from Indianapolis (IL).

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Sold the contract of INF Vance Albitz to St. Louis (NL). Signed INF Travis Weaver.

NFL

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed QB Brodie Croyle and P Dave Zastudil. Waived QB Max Hall and OT Jake Vermiglio.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed WR Ruvell Martin.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Agreed to terms with QB Kerry Collins.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed OL Mike Berry.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed S Tracy Wilson. Waived LB Brandon Long and G Chris Stewart. Claimed OT Nevin McCaskill off waivers from Pittsburgh.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived TE Colin Cloherty.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Re-signed RB Vai Taua. Released DT Kentwan Balmer.

HOCKEY

NHL

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Signed F Stanislav Galiev to a three-year contract.

AHL

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE—Signed LW Justin Vaive.

BASEBALL

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

At South Williamsport, Pa.
Yesterday's results
Mexicali, Mexico 2 Maracay, Venezuela 1 (9 inn.)
Billings, Mont. vs. Huntington Beach, Calif.

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#notguilty — Stamps accept QB didn't send crude tweet

The Calgary Stampeders vow to get to the bottom of a tweet that landed quarterback Henry Burris in hot water.

A message re-tweeted on Burris' Twitter account Tuesday contained content about oral sex.

The tweet was deleted and Burris later posted: "I got word some weird tweet was on my page! If anyone saw that, I don't know where that came from and I'd never tweet that! Apologies!"

Stampeders president Lyle Bauer and head coach John Hufnagel met with Burris about the tweet yesterday morning. While Bauer says Burris didn't have an explanation for how the message appeared on his account, Bauer was satisfied the player named the Canadian Football League's most outstanding player last season was not responsible for the crude post.

Bauer says the club will try to find out if Burris's Twitter account was hacked and if so, how.

"Henry denies making that tweet and we believe Henry," Bauer said. "Henry is a great ambassador for the football team, the community, as well as the CFL and we certainly owe him that consideration.

"We will be doing our own review of what was posted, how it was done, et cetera, and find out if we can get to the bottom of what and how."

It's not the first time Burris has been embarrassed online. Photos of him shirtless and wearing a bra while standing next to a woman also in a bra circulated last September. Burris said then wearing the bra was a birthday prank.

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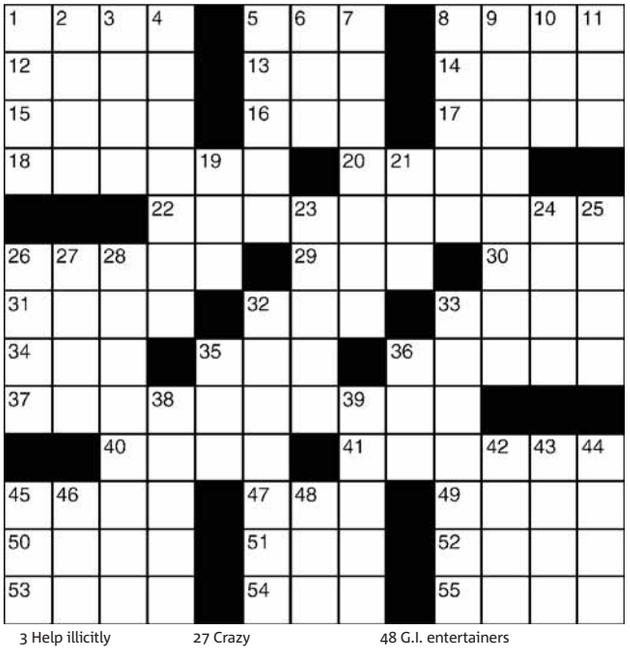

Across

1 Just one of those things
5 "Wipeout" network
8 On in years
12 George Herman Ruth
13 Four qts.
14 Story
15 Coaster
16 Freudian concept
17 Weaponry
18 Magical drink
20 CNN's Blitzer
22 In a dangerous position
26 Cumulus, e.g.
29 Apiece
30 Always, in verse
31 "My bad"
32 Foundation
33 Radius neighbor
34 Expert
35 Evergreen type
36 Arabian Sea feeder
37 "Gunsmoke" saloon
40 Move like a moth
41 Royal attendant
45 Hodgepodge
47 Drone
49 Ready to be picked
50 Rock drummer Ulrich
51 Kreskin's claim
52 Witnesses
53 Turns blue?
54 Homer's cry
55 Tackles' teammates

Down

1 Recipe meas.
2 Head light?
3 Help illicitly
4 Tiresome
5 Representative
6 Satchel
7 Fooled (around)
8 In any manner
9 Jon's cat
10 Shade source
11 — Moines
19 African lute
21 Rowing need
23 "Fidelio," e.g.
24 Waiter's handout
25 Support group?
26 Brat's stocking stuffer
27 Crazy
28 Where chestnuts roast
32 Brought forth a child
33 Dislodge from a steed
35 Hoover's old org.
36 Lemieux milieu
38 Lipstick alternative
39 Naiad or dryad
42 Carriage
43 Mimicked
44 Untouchable Eliot
45 Antiquated
46 Deposit
48 G.I. entertainers

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

				7		5	1	2
		6						9
	5				3		7	
			9			4		
5	1		2		4		6	3
		7			6			
	4		3				5	
2						8		
7	8	3		4				

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	9	4	2	7	8	3	1	6
2	6	7	1	3	4	9	8	5
1	3	8	9	6	5	7	4	2
8	5	6	7	9	2	4	3	1
7	2	3	6	4	1	8	5	9
9	4	1	5	8	3	6	2	7
6	8	5	3	1	9	2	7	4
3	7	2	4	5	6	1	9	8
4	1	9	8	2	7	5	6	3

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Take the day off and don't worry that you might fall behind your rivals.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Romantically and creatively, you have so much going right now. Reach out and take what you desire most.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Be subtle in your efforts to educate those who are not as clued in as you. Don't dictate, either.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will accomplish more today if you slow down and do one important thing really well.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You may be decisive, but this is not the right time to make decisions about what you own and what you earn.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Today's Mars-Saturn link warns the harder you try to change things, the worse they'll get. So don't try.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart makes it easy to find out what makes you tick.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 The Sun in Virgo at this time of year makes you open to newness.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Employers and other important people really do want to see you succeed, so amaze them.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 People who are jealous of your skill and success will make negative comments about you today.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Show your critics that you can act and think clearly under pressure.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If what happens today looks like a setback, it's because you need to step back. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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